

MINUTES
Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, January 14, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.
Club House – Muscatine Municipal Golf Course

Members Present: Al Wagner, Dana Kraft, Janell Kassel, and Brad Bark

Members Absent: Greg Harper, Kim Warren, and Tim Riley

Staff Present: Rich Klimes, Lily Wellenstein, Randy Moeller, and Brett Parcher

Guests Present: Kerry Keller

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to approve minutes of the December 12, 2014 regular meeting. Moved by Kraft. Second by Wagner. All ayes; motion carries.

Request – Great River Days 2015

Keller discussed the 2015 Great River Days request. Keller informed the Commission the date has been pushed back a week in case RAGBRI comes to town this year.

Commission Member Kassel motioned to approve Great River Days as requested. Seconded by Commission Member Kraft. All ayes; motion carries.

Request – HNI Corporation Family Fun Day and Picnic

Klimes discussed the HNI Family Fun Day and Picnic request. Klimes stated staffs recommendation is to approve as requested.

Commission Member Wagner motioned to approve the HNI Corporation Family Fun Day and Picnic as requested. Seconded by Commission Member Kraft. All ayes; motion carries.

Request – 37th Melon City Criterium

Klimes discussed the 37th Melon City Criterium request. Klimes stated staffs recommendation is to approve as requested.

Commission Member Kraft motioned to approve the 37th Melon City Criterium as requested. Seconded by Commission Member Kassel. All ayes; motion carries.

Update – Sustainable Urban Forestry Grant

Klimes asked for at least two Commission members to join the Parks and Recreation staff for the Sustainable Urban Forestry Grant Program. Klimes stated this is a free program that will help educate the staff and community on street trees. At the end of the program we will develop a street tree plan for the entire community.

Discussion – 2015 Winter Festival

Wellenstein distributed and discussed the 2015 Winter Festival flyer. Wellenstein informed the Commission that the Million Minute Winner for the Muscatine Walking Club will be announced at the event as well.

Other Business

Klimes stated the Parks and Recreation staff will meet with City Council to discuss budgets on Monday, February 2nd. The Commission is more than welcome to attend if they would like.

Klimes informed the Commission that the Parks and Recreation Department is still searching for a new Golf Professional. Randy Moeller has moved from Golf Maintenance Supervisor to Park Maintenance Supervisor. Brett Parcher is our newest staff member and has taken over the Golf Maintenance Supervisor position.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Shaw
Office Coordinator