

Department of Parks and Recreation

City of Atlantic, Iowa

Park Board Minutes

June 20, 2016

5:15 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers

Call to Order Chairman Dusenberry called the meeting to order at 5:15pm with all board members present.

Approval of Agenda Motion to approve the agenda by Beane; second by Strong, motion carried unanimously

Additional Agenda Items Discussion only

Public Communications comments or questions from visitors (3 minute limit)

Consent Agenda:

Minutes: May 16, 2016 meeting; motion to approve by Smith; second by Strong; motion carried unanimously

Bills: June Bills; motion to approve Beane; second by McFadden; motion carried unanimously

Action Items/New Business

1. Kiddie Korral Update – Drinking Fountain pad was poured with pavers from the old shelter; the drinking fountain was installed shortly after; the fire pit was installed in time for the block party; next task for Kiddie Korral is installing the new equipment in the sand pit area.
2. East Shelter Renovation Update – Shelter has been primed and waiting to be painted; board wished for Staashelm and Herring to receive a quote to put brick around the columns of the East Shelter
3. Swimming Pool Renovation Update – The Pool Renovation Steering Committee met and expressed amenities needed in the pool for the community; amenities with priorities was brought to the appointed aquatic design company, Waters Edge; concepts will be complete in the upcoming months
4. Approval for shared Online Calendar with Library – Staashelm shared with the board the opportunity to partner with the Atlantic Library with a shared online calendar with all the City programs and events in a common place. Motion to approve a shared calendar with the Atlantic Library was made by Strong; second by McFadden; motion carried unanimously
5. Lake #2 Trail TAP Grant Update – Bids are still waiting to be received
6. Vision Iowa Grant Update – Herring reported about the restructuring of Vision Iowa starting July 1st; no new rewards will be handed out until the restructuring is complete; Vision Iowa asked for changes to be made within a 2 week time to receive more private funding through fundraising; Board expressed the need to look towards other grants to help with the project; Herring and Staashelm will look into getting other grant information
7. Harl-Holt Basketball Court Update – The basketball court and new goals were delivered and are in the park shop; before installation Staashelm and Herring will be looking for ways to level the current surface to promote longevity for the new basketball court.
8. Movies in the Park Update- Staashelm reported that Parks and Rec will be showing 4 movies on Friday nights of July 29th, August 5th, August 12th, and August 19th; other details are still being worked on with the Exploring Rec Group

9. Connector Trail Update – Plans for the by-pass around the KJAN parking lot have been approved by Nishna Valley Trails; by-pass will be a continuation of the existing project and the bid stays with the same construction company; dirt work will begin soon on the project.
10. Presenting Arbor Day Foundation: Growth Award – Staashelm presented the board with Arbor Day Foundation Growth Award; the Growth Award is given to cities that expressed exceptional planning, money, and concern for trees; through Trees Forever effort and Atlantic Parks and Recreation effort through the SUFTA Grant and Operation Re-Leaf, city council request the award be kept at the Parks and Recreation office.
11. Request to change date for July Board Meeting – Staashelm request to change the date of the July board meeting to July 25th for vacation reasons; motion to approve the date change was made by Smith; second by McFadden; motion carried unanimously to change the meeting for July 25th, 2016
12. Request Special Meeting Date for June 29th to close the 2015-2016 fiscal year; motion to request a special meeting made by Smith; second by Strong; motion carried unanimously

Discussion Items/Old Business

1. Boat Ramp Update – Boat Ramp is complete; working with Waste Water in developing a plan for the corner area; boat ramp was cleared of silt by the Street Department
2. AMU Lease Agreement- The lease agreement is time for renewal between the Little League Board and AMU; approval for lease by Parks and Recreation will need to wait until the next meeting.

Director's Report-

1. Sunnyside Summer Block Party Report- Staashelm reported the success of the block party with over 250 hotdogs handed out, many complements from members of the community were made during the event, and people enjoyed a free event and formed community
2. Sunnyside Pool Report- Staashelm reported in the last 2 weeks the pool has reached over 150 visitors each day with the hot days that presented itself.
3. Bench Donation- Herring reported in the upcoming days there will be a new bench in City Park dedicated to an individual in Atlantic through a private party.
4. Summer Program Report – Staashelm reported the swim team had around 40 participants this summer, youth tennis numbers were in the 70's, pickleball had 14 players playing on Sundays, and slow pitch softball has 7 teams competing this summer.
5. Group Exercise Classes at Sunnyside and Schildbergs – Staashelm reported the success of the exercise in the park at Schildbergs and Sunnyside Park; more classes will be going on during the rest of the summer

Next Regular Meeting Date: July 25th, 2016 at 5:15 pm at City Hall Council Chambers

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Strong; second by McFadden; motion carried unanimously; adjourned at 6:10pm

Board Members: Stuart Dusenberry- Chairperson; Mary Strong- Vice-Chairperson; Jolene Smith - Secretary; Charlene Beane- member; Erin McFadden- member; Roger Herring-Director; Seth Staashelm-Assistant Director; City Council Liaison- Ashley Hayes