

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MADISON PARKS, RECREATION & DOCK BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016**  
**COFFEY’S CORNER SHELTER, 5:00PM**  
**FORT MADISON, IOWA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Decker, Sue Pieper, Trish Hall, Tara Johnson, Lauri Wondra and Jesus Garcia

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mary Ann Gaudette

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Dawn Helling, John Luna, Larry Driscoll and City Manager David Varley

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson Decker at 5:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Garcia MOVED and Pieper SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2016 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALLOWING CITY STAFF TO APPROVE REOCCURRING EVENTS WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL:** Luna shared this will make it easier for the Board because then they will not have to keep voting on the same events every year. If there is a problem with an event then it will go before the Board.

Wondra MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to approve ALLOWING CITY STAFF TO APPROVE REOCCURRING EVENTS WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED

- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADDING FENCING ON NORTH SIDE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN RIVERVIEW PARK ALONG RIVERVIEW DRIVE:** Garcia shared he would like to see a fence put up like the one at Victory Park to make it safer for kids playing. Pieper stated that if this park is fenced then people will expect all parks to be fenced. Decker shared that in the summer there is a lot of boat traffic through there. Wondra wondered how far the playground equipment is from the road but no one was really sure. Pieper did not feel it was necessary. Luna shared that traffic does drive slow through there. Decker suggested tabling this so the Board members can think about it some more. City Manager Varley suggested bringing a Google Earth map to the next meeting which will tell the distance from the road to the playground.

Agenda item was tabled due to unanimous agreement from Board members.

**C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DESIGNATING THE FAR WEST END OF RIVERVIEW PARK AS THE WATERCRAFT IMPOUNDMENT AREA:**

Luna shared there is a boat slip renter who is causing problems by not moving their boat out of the marina parking lot. He has discussed this issue with City Attorney Johnson who advised that the City needed to have a designated impoundment area for issues such as this.

Garcia MOVED and Hall SECONDED a motion to approve DESIGNATING THE FAR WEST END OF RIVERVIEW PARK AS THE WATERCRAFT IMPOUNDMENT AREA. MOTION CARRIED

**Committee Liaison Reports:**

- A. Johnson: (Sports Complex/Rodeo): Rodeo-nothing to report except the stock contractor would like to use field #1 for livestock during the rodeo again this year. Johnson already asked the softball coaches and they were fine with it but needed to ask Board for approve. It was unanimously approved: Sports Complex-getting ready for fall leagues. Football leagues will be playing there this year.
- B. Pieper: (PORT): Bridge has been installed and the trail is now open. There is a Grand Opening on August 17, 2016 at 10AM.
- C. Decker: (Old Settlers Association): Concert/car show was successful. Over 500 attended. Last performance for this year will be August 21. Neighbors have been growing Chestnut trees to be planted when they get big enough.
- D. Hall: (RiverFest): Craft is hoping for a big outcome. Johnson shared that Craft is happy with the gravel that was laid for a boat ramp and the volleyball court improvements.
- E. Mary Ann: (public pool): Was not present but Luna shared there had been an issue with umbrellas but that has been resolved. More umbrellas will be provided next year.

**Directors Report:**

Luna shared that the YMCA is going to be closing their pool due to improvements and wondered about using the City pool for classes, lessons and lap swim. It was suggested that we charge them the same as the schools.

Driscoll unlocked the new Rodeo Park Shower House so the Board members could see what they are like. He would like to start keeping one unlocked during park use hours.

Pieper MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED and the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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Jim Decker, Co-Chairperson