

MINUTES
FORT MADISON PARKS, RECREATION & DOCK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5:00PM
FORT MADISON, IOWA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Decker, Sue Pieper, Tara Johnson, Mary Ann Gaudette, Trish Hall, and Jesus Garcia

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF PRESENT: John Luna, Dawn Helling, Council Liaison Brian Wright

GUESTS PRESENT: Sheryl Decker, Andrew Wiese, Chuck Vandenberg

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Johnson at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Decker MOVED and Gaudette SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2016 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments:

- A. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** Chairperson Johnson presented Lauri Wondra with a plaque in appreciation for the 10 years she served on the Parks, Recreation and Docks Board.

Old Business:

- A. **HARMONY BIBLE CHURCH'S REQUEST FOR A ONE (1) MONTH EXTENSION ON THEIR LEASE OF THE RIVERVIEW PAVILION FOR CHURCH SERVICES (SUNDAY) AND BIBLE STUDY (THURSDAYS) THROUGH JANUARY 29, 2017:**

Andrew Wiese thanked the Board for allowing Harmony Bible Church to meet at the Riverview Pavilion. He then requested that they continue using the Riverview Pavilion for church services until January 29th due to their facility not being ready and construction behind. He invited the Board to the dedication service which will be Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 10:30am. A straw poll was taken last month of the Board members and they approved it.

Pieper MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to approve HARMONY BIBLE CHURCH'S REQUEST FOR A ONE (1) MONTH EXTENSION ON THEIR LEASE OF THE RIVERVIEW PAVILION FOR CHURCH SERVICES (SUNDAY) AND BIBLE STUDY (THURSDAYS) THROUGH JANUARY 29, 2017 . MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

- A. **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND DINNER AT RIVERVIEW PAVILION:** November 4, 2017, Sheryl Decker shared it is the 125th anniversary of the church and they would like to celebrate by having the church service in the afternoon then the dinner and celebration in the evening. She wanted to have this approved early so the church can start planning.

Garcia MOVED and Pieper SECONDED a motion to approve ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND DINNER AT RIVERVIEW PAVILION. MOTION CARRIED

Committee Liaison Reports:

- A. Pieper: (PORT): Lighting for Phase I will be installed when Phase II is complete. Phase II has been delayed by engineering. A fence is going to be installed along the tree line to Bluff Road and along DuPont property this spring.
- B. Johnson: (Sports Complex/Rodeo): Rodeo-Went to Las Vegas and Cinch is booked. Still working on entertainment: Sports Complex-They want to start sand volleyball leagues. Councilman Wright shared they are putting together a committee of parents to volunteer. He believed the sand volleyball will begin in the spring along with sand soccer. The complex is hoping to have Run, Pass, Kick regional tournaments. Concession stand is available for rent and there are 2 wedding receptions which will be held there this summer.
- C. Decker: (Old Settlers Association): List of events was handed out to Board members. Mayor Randolph has committed to Beggar's Night being held on October 31st which helps them in planning. A resident has volunteered to fund the Beggar's Night in Old Settler's Park.
- D. Hall: (RiverFest): Nothing to report. Luna shared that Charles Craft asked the City to help with fencing. More electric pedestals are also going to be needed.
- E. Mary Ann: (public pool): No report.

Directors Report:

Luna shared those reoccurring events, which do not have to go before the board, will be on the agenda and shared with the Board. Pieper stated her concern about the bridge at Rodeo Park, which is closed due to needing improvements done. People have been walking around and over the fencing blocking the bridge so they can walk on it. She would like the City to publish a public notice about not walking on the bridge. Charles Vandenberg, Editor of the Pen City Current, shared that he will publish an article on the website. Councilman Wright suggested a better barricade and signs be placed. Pieper feels that having to wait so long for the improvements to be completed have irritated people. With the bridge closed, patrons who walk the trails will have to walk out by the road instead. Johnson asked when it will be done. Luna shared it has been delayed due to personnel problems at Huffman's Welding and the cold but it should be done in March. Pieper asked Luna when Adopt-A-Garden program starts. He said letters to those who participated last year will be sent in March. She then asked if once the flower beds are established, the offenders could weed and clean the beds. Luna said they could.

Gaudette MOVED and Hall SECONDED a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Tara Johnson, Chairperson