

MINUTES
FORT MADISON PARKS, RECREATION & DOCK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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: Jeff Hunt, Chuck Vandenberg

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

Approval of Minutes:

Gaudette MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2017 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- A. CABELA’S KING KAT CATFISH TOURNAMENT:** August 10-13, 2017, Luna shared that they were not able to attend meeting because they live too far away (Louisville, KY) but would like to have a catfish tournament utilizing the marina and Riverview Park. The last time they had a tournament here was in 2004. There will be 50-60 boats participating. Thursday will kick it off with registration and a captain’s meeting at the Comfort Inn 5-7pm. They will start at approximately 5:30am on Friday and Saturday with weigh-ins at 3pm. Councilman Wright asked if there are going to be booths, vendors, and a meet in greet. Helling said she can find out but didn’t think so.

Decker MOVED and Pieper SECONDED a motion to approve CABELA’S KING KAT CATFISH TOURNAMENT. MOTION CARRIED

Approved Reoccurring Events:

Parks, Recreation and Docks Board had voted, and approved, to grant Luna and Helling permission to approve reoccurring events that have been held 3 years or more in a row.

- A. FORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM USE OF MIKE BOWEN FIELD:** March 13, 2017 through June 3, 2017, Luna shared they asked permission to utilize the soccer fields for practice again this year. This was approved by Luna and Helling.
- B. HY-VEE EASTER EGG HUNT IN RODEO PARK:** April 8, 2017, Luna shared this is held every year also. It started out being sponsored by the Fort Madison Disc Golf League. This was approved by Luna and Helling.

Committee Liaison Reports:

- A. Pieper: (PORT): Discussed organizing another fundraiser race, which will be held December 10, 2017 and will be an ugly sweater race. The cement pad for the Rotary Rest Area has been poured. In the spring, trees will be planted along the phase I path.
- B. Johnson: (Sports Complex/Rodeo): Rodeo-Planning on moving the road by the fence north of the rodeo grounds this spring: Sports Complex-Tournaments have been booked.
- C. Decker: (Old Settlers Association): Nothing to report. Hoping for a good year.
- D. Hall: (RiverFest): Nothing to report.
- E. Mary Ann: (public pool): No report. More umbrellas are needed. Luna shared that he met with Pool Tech and they suggested a new chlorine dispenser that will contain hockey puck size chlorine tablets instead of the small ones. This will be safer and more cost effective.

Directors Report:

Luna shared that someone tore down the barricades blocking the bridge in Rodeo Park that needs work; therefore, the barricades will need to be put back. Talked to Huffman's about repairing the bridge sooner than they had said but they will not be able to. He was contacted by a gentleman asking why the Scenic Drive gates are closed and locked all winter. Luna explained that this practice started before he worked for the City and the reason is because people had drove back in the winter, when there is snow on the ground, and drove through the grass causing ruts. Also, the parks are closed in the winter. Then the gentleman asked why the gates are closed and locked at night during the summer. Luna told him it is because people do not need to be back in there between 11pm and 6am, which is when the parks are closed.

Garcia MOVED and Gaudette SECONDED a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED and the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Tara Johnson, Chairperson