

MINUTES
FORT MADISON PARKS, RECREATION & DOCK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5:00PM
FORT MADISON, IOWA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Decker, Mary Ann Gaudette, Mike Pulis and Paul Wilkerson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Pieper

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

GUESTS PRESENT: John Luna, Sheryl Decker, Cassie Gilbert and Alice Pieper

Approval of Minutes:

Pulis MOVED and Gaudette SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2017 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Recognition and Presentation of Plaque:

In recognition of his retirement, a plaque was presented to John Luna for 26 years of service in the parks department. He was thanked by the Board for his hard work and dedication to improving the parks of Fort Madison.

Public Comments:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- A. SOROPTIMIST FOOD TRUCK COOK OFF IN RODEO PARK:** June 2, 2018, Cassie Gilbert, Soroptimist representative, shared that Alice Pieper was not there yet so she would go ahead and share. It is going to be called “Chuck Wagon Round Up”. So far there are 4-6 trucks who are wanting to participate. Food trucks will park near the Old Lion’s Shelter and people can buy food from them. This is also a food contest for the trucks. Soroptimists are trying to figure out the logistics on this. They might need some snow fencing. Will need 4 picnic tables and 4 trash cans for each truck. She was informed there is only one porta-pottie there. They will either have to rent porta-potties or ask the rodeo committee about unlocking the gate on that side so people can use the restrooms. Was told Chuck Kempker is the person to talk to.

Wilkerson MOVED and Pulis SECONDED a motion to approve SOROPTIMIST FOOD TRUCK COOK OFF IN RODEO PARK. MOTION CARRIED.

- B. MAIN STREET MAYHEM ON THE MISSISSIPPI 5K IN RODEO PARK:** May 5, 2018, Cassie Gilbert, FM Main Street representative shared they would once again like to use the walking trail in Rodeo Park for their 5k. 100-150 runners participate each year. This will be the 2nd year it is held in Rodeo Park. Wilkerson asked if they will be marking the course. Gilbert answered that they will and there will be someone on a bicycle ahead of everyone to show the route. Gaudette reminded her that any paint or material to mark cement has to be washable. Gilbert said they use chalk.

Gaudette MOVED and Wilkerson SECONDED a motion to approve MAIN STREET MAYHEM ON THE MISSISSIPPI 5K IN RODEO PARK. MOTION CARRIED.

- C. BURLINGTON TRAILWAYS 2018 TRAVEL SHOWS IN RIVERVIEW PAVILION:** Helling shared the representatives were not able to attend due to holding a travel show in another town; therefore, she will share for them. This is the 3rd year they have rented the pavilion for their travel shows and they usually have 2 shows per year. Their shows present vacations/trips that they will have available. There has never been any problems and they always clean up afterward. After this year they will not have to get approval from the parks board.

Pulis MOVED and Gaudette SECONDED a motion to approve BURLINGTON TRAILWAYS 2018 TRAVEL SHOWS IN RIVERVIEW PAVILION. MOTION CARRIED.

- D. ILLINOIS BASS FEDERATION QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT IN RIVERVIEW MARINA AND PARK:** July 28-29, 2018, Helling shared that the representatives for this event live out of town; therefore, she will share about the event. This is the 3rd year they have had some type of tournament in the marina and park. There have never been any problems.

Wilkerson MOVED and Gaudette SECONDED a motion to approve ILLINOIS BASS FEDERATION QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT IN RIVERVIEW MARINA AND PARK. MOTION CARRIED.

- E. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ALLOWABLE LENGTH A BOAT CAN EXTEND BEYOND A DOCK SLIP: CURRENTLY PERTAINING TO SLIP RENTERS MARY PFAU, DAN REPERT, MICHAEL KRUSE, JIM NOLL AND ROGER MCPHERSON:** Larry Driscoll shared that another slip renter has complained that there are boats in slips that are too long for the slip they are in. It is mainly on BB dock where the slips are 16 feet long and the boats that were complained about are 22 feet, 23 feet and 24 feet. He stated that they have been allowed to stay in these slips for quite a few years and would like to continue to stay because they are cheaper than a slip of the correct size. To begin with, there wasn't enough slips for them to be in one the correct size for their boat; therefore, they were allowed to be in a smaller slip. The past few years slip rental numbers have gone down but they have never been told they had to move to a bigger slip. They should have to move to a slip the correct size. Helling found minutes from a parks board meeting in Feb. 2002 where an issue similar to this was discussed. At that time, the marina was pretty full so an option was to charge \$2.00 per foot extra for however long the boat extended past the slip docks. It was asked if slip renters are charged by the size of the slip or the size of the boat. It was shared by the size of the slip. Decker felt it slip renters should have to be in a slip that is the right size for their boat. Driscoll stated the City has communicated to the slip renters this pertains to about this issue, informed them and gave them the option of attending the meeting to plead their case but none of them attended. It was unanimously decided that the slip renters, who are in slips where their boat extends past the docks quite a bit, will need to move to a bigger slip.

- F. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON PARKS BOARD APPROVING PORT TRAIL EVENTS:** Helling shared there has been some confusion about whether or not the PORT committee needs to ask permission to have events on the PORT trail. It was unanimously stated that they should.

Approved Reoccurring Events:

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

A. FORT MADISON DISC GOLF LEAGUE ICE BOWL TOURNAMENT IN RODEO PARK:

February 10, 2018

Committee Liaison Reports:

A. Pieper: (PORT): was absent.

B. Decker: (Old Settlers Association): nothing to report except he wanted to thank the City for their help with putting up and taking down holiday decorations. This requires the use of the City's bucket truck. He also appreciated them winterizing the bathrooms. They will be busy this summer with events and general maintenance. He informed Driscoll that there are a couple of trees and some stumps that need to be removed. Driscoll asked if it is the City's responsibility or Old Settlers Association's. Decker responded that it is the City's. Driscoll shared that there have been some angry people about the City cutting trees down but there are some trees that need to be dealt with. Decker shared there have been a couple come down in Old Settlers Park. Driscoll stated the City will help to remove the trees and stumps.

C. (RiverFest): was shared there will be an entertainment announcement party at Kinnick South on March 10th.

D. Gaudette: (Public pool): Nothing to report. She asked City Manager David Varley if anything has been decided on yet about the YMCA running the public swimming pool. City Manager Varley reported they performed a walk through with Ryan Wilson, YMCA, and Sara Mueller, aquatics director of the public swimming pool. A list was created by Wilson of items that need fixed or dealt with. The YMCA are still deciding if they want to take it on. Gaudette asked if the items need to be fixed anyway. City Manager Varley stated that yes, they do. The list of requested improvements will be presented to the parks board and then to the City Council. The YMCA Board and City staff also had a walk through and it was expressed that they are still interested in running the pool. City Manager Varley stated that the City is not recreation oriented, it is parks oriented. The goal is to make the parks more appealing. There should be an answer from the YMCA soon. Wilkerson asked who would have to carry the liability on the pool. City Manager Varley stated they YMCA but for anything big the City would take care of it.

E. Tara Johnson (Board Liaison for Rodeo): was not able to attend.

Parks Update:

The Board was informed that since the retirement of John Luna, Larry Driscoll is now parks director also. The City is hiring a parks supervisor who will be an active supervisor and will spend a majority of the time in the Parks.

Wilkerson MOVED and Gaudette SECONDED a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Jim Decker, Chairperson