

MINUTES
FORT MADISON PARKS, RECREATION & DOCK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, February 6, 2013
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5:00PM
FORT MADISON, IOWA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesus Garcia, Jim Decker, Mike Pulis, Sheila Garcia, Bobby Holtkamp, Tara Johnson,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauri Wondra

CITY STAFF PRESENT: John Luna, Dawn Helling

GUEST PRESENT: Jan Garza

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

Approval of Minutes:

J. Garcia MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2013 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no comments from the public.

Old Business:

- A. Swimming Pool Concession Stand:** John Luna was told by Mary Casey that she would be having the concession stand open this year. Luna had sent her an agreement form and was waiting to receive it back. Board agreed to table the discussion until the completed agreement was returned and Luna had been able to discuss particulars with her.
- B. Community Swims:** John Luna had talked to Kevin Rink and Matt Mohrfeld about increasing the price and reducing the hours on the community swims. They both seemed okay with it. Luna is a little concerned about how the Kiwanis is going to react to it though. J. Garcia informed board it does not matter how many people are at community swims a full staff of lifeguards has to be there.

Decker MOVED and Holtkamp SECONDED a motion to increase the fee for community swims from \$400.00 to \$500.00 and reduce the hours from six hours to four hours. MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

- A. Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt:** Jan Garza, Fort Madison Parish Partners, shared every year on Palm Sunday the Parish Partners (which include various churches in Fort Madison) have a family day in Central Park. This includes an Easter Egg Hunt for children, which opens between 12:45 and 1 pm. Younger kids go first then the older kids. This event is for children in Fort Madison and the surrounding area.

J. Garcia MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to approve the Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt in Central Park sponsored by Fort Madison Parish Partners. MOTION CARRIED.

- B. College Fishing Tournament in Riverview Park:** Sara Cantrell, Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce, was supposed to be present to discuss this but was not able

to attend due to a RAGBRAI meeting.

Pulis MOVED and Holtkamp SECONDED a motion to table discussing the College Fishing Tournament in Riverview Park until the next meeting in March.

MOTION CARRIED.

Board requested to research dates Riverview Park and/or Marina is not to be reserved for functions.

- C. **FMHS SOCCER PRACTICE AT MIKE BOWEN FIELD:** Luna shared Kevin Wellman, FMHS soccer coach, was not able to attend the meeting but requested to use the soccer fields for their practices March 11, 2013 to May 30, 2012 from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM.

J. Garcia MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to approve FMHS Soccer Practice at Mike Bowen Field.

MOTION CARRIED.

- D. **FMHS JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER TOURNAMENT AT MIKE BOWEN FIELD:**

Luna shared this is held every year. This year it will be held Saturday, April 13, 2013.

Decker MOVED and Holtkamp SECONDED to approve FMHS Junior Varsity Soccer Tournament at Mike Bowen Field. MOTION CARRIED.

Directors Report: Luna shared that RAGBRAI will be ending in Fort Madison this year and there have been quite a few people who have already asked about long term parking on the City's website. In the past there has been unsecured parking at the old landfill and secured parking at the FMHS parking lot south of the track. Johnson asked how long they usually park and Luna said a week. Holtkamp asked if they charged for the parking and Luna said they did not. S. Garcia asked about how many participants they usually have and it was made know it was usually thousands. The bikers usually don't stay in Fort Madison after they are finished therefore it does not help the economy of Fort Madison.

The Central Illinois Bass Masters bass club has requested to have a one-day tournament on Sunday, August 4, 2013. It was asked if the marina is going to be deep enough. Luna shared Byron has asked him to contact a dredging company and get a quote to dredge the marina

Jim Shoup, who is retiring from the ISP, would like to have a small party at Willow Patch on March 13, 2013 2 PM to 4 PM and 10 PM to 11 PM. Fort Madison Police Department is aware and has no problem with it. Police chief will inform the force.

Janelle, with Fort Madison Health Center, called and asked about naming the new skilled unit Rodeo Park Rehab Unit. A problem with this is people are going to think it is at Rodeo Park. J. Garcia can see City Hall getting calls about the location. None of the Board members were in favor of this. Johnson told Luna to tell them no.

Johnson asked if there was a limit to how long a person can camp in parks. She was questioning about when construction workers start moving in to work on the fertilizer plant if they would be allowed to camp as long as they needed (ex. 3 years). She was informed there is no limit as long as they pay. Pulis requested the Board address raising the cost of camping. The current rate is \$5.00 per night without electricity and \$10.00 per night with electricity. There are 30 sites with electricity and 60 without electricity. Board requested researching prices of county and various campground prices then the subject will be

revisited.

Luna suggested opening the north side of the arena for camping. Johnson did not think it was a good idea and J. Garcia shared it should be kept for rodeo.

Luna and Byron Smith have met with Bob Huffman and Chuck Kempker about a new shower house at Rodeo Park. They are looking into a prefab building.

S. Garcia MOVED and Holtkamp SECONDED a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Tara Johnson, Chairperson