

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesus Garcia, Jim Decker, Mike Pulis, Sheila Garcia, Tara Johnson, Lauri Wondra

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bobby Holtkamp

CITY STAFF PRESENT: John Luna, Dawn Helling

GUEST PRESENT: Councilman Brian Wright, Sarah Cantrell, Sheryl Decker, Katelin Essing, Angie Budnick

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

Approval of Minutes:

Decker MOVED and Pulis SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2013 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no comments from the public.

Old Business:

- A. City Campground Fees:** Dawn Helling shared the prices for camping in county parks and in state parks per request from Board at the February 6 meeting. J. Garcia stated the times have changed and with that fees should be raised. There was some discussion on long term camping. J. Garcia stated it is revenue coming in so they should not be forced to leave no matter how long they stay. He then asked if it is usually the same individuals who camp there. Luna stated for the most part and with the fertilizer plant being built there may be people camping for 2 or 3 years. Board decided to table this item until the next meeting.
- B. College Fishing Tournament in Riverview Park:** Sarah Cantrell, Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce, shared the name of the tournament is Carhartt Bass Masters College Series and will take place May 28-30. Most boats will be going out at dawn and returning in the afternoon. There is estimated to be between 25 and 100 boats but she will have a better idea next month. They should not need any extra garbage cans, etc. but if they decide they do they will let the City know.

Decker MOVED and Wondra SECONDED a motion to approve the Carhartt Bass Masters College Series in Riverview Park. MOTION CARRIED.

Board had requested at February 6, 2013 meeting for Helling to research if there were dates the marina and Riverview Park is not to be used for fishing tournaments, etc. She shared in the minutes from the August 5, 2006 meeting, the Parks Board agreed on weekends of Memorial Day, Labor Day, Rodeo and the first two weekends of July to not have fishing tournaments.

New Business:

- A. **Balloons Over the Mississippi:** Sarah Cantrell, Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce, shared there is not going to be any changes from last year. The dates will be July 19-20, 2013 with most of the set-up on the 19th. The events will run from 4 PM to 10 PM on Friday and Saturday. Extra trash cans, picnic tables and snow fencing will be needed by the City. The alcohol tent will be fenced off again.

Decker MOVED and S. Garcia SECONDED a motion to approve the Balloons Over the Mississippi event at Rodeo Park.

MOTION CARRIED.

- B. **RAGBRAI:** Sara Cantrell, Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce, shared set-up in Riverview Park for the ending of RAGBRAI will be July 26, ride in will be July 27, and tear down will be July 28. Johnson asked what time people usually start coming into town. Cantrell answered it could be as early as 6 AM but the majority is around 10 AM. She also shared no vehicles will be allowed in Riverview Park starting at 6 AM on July 27. Luna shared the marina slip renters will be informed they will not be able to utilize the marina and boat ramp on July 27 but can use the ramp at Willow Patch. Cantrell said extra garbage cans, picnic tables and some snow fencing will be needed by the City. The fire department and police department have informed their personnel there will be no time off on that day. The Police Chief will decide the route riders will take through Fort Madison.

Decker MOVED and Wondra SECONDED a motion to approve RAGBRAI events in Riverview Park.

MOTION CARRIED.

- C. **APPROVAL OF OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION EVENT DATES:** Sheryl Decker, Old Settlers Association, distributed a copy of the events taking place with the Old Settlers Association to the board members. She shared this is the 13th year of having events in the park. There will be three concerts and they will be held rain or shine. If it does rain they will be held at Fort Madison Methodist Church. The first concert is the group Switchback, which is an Irish Duo, and they encourage people to wear Irish clothing; Amarillo, a country music group, will be August 18 and the association is going to invite the rodeo committee to sell rodeo buttons. Supper is served at 5 PM and the concerts start at 5:30 PM. Proceeds from the concerts are used to maintain the park. Last year the funds were used to paint the bandstand, repair the basketball court and erect a Chief Blackhawk Monument.

J. Garcia MOVED and Pulis SECONDED a motion to approve the Old Settlers Association Events.

MOTION CARRIED.

- D. **RELAY FOR LIFE 5K RUN/WALK AT RODEO PARK:** Katelin Essing, Relay for Life Representative, shared this event will be taking place on Friday, May 3, 2013. Coffey's Corner Shelter will be needed for electricity for the media. Also, extra trash cans will be needed and the path will need to be free of debris. Johnson asked if everything went well last year and Essing stated it was.

Decker MOVED and Wondra SECONDED to approve Relay for Life 5K Run/Walk at Rodeo Park. MOTION CARRIED.

- E. **YMCA SOCCER PRACTICE:** Luna shared since this is a reoccurring event Ryan Wilson, YMCA Director, did not have to be present at the meeting.
- F. **YMCA SOCCER GAMES AT MIKE BOWEN FIELD:**
Board agreed to vote on this item in conjunction with the previous item.

Wondra MOVED and J. Garcia SECONDED to approve YMCA Soccer Practices and YMCA Soccer Games at Mike Bowen Field. MOTION CARRIED.

- G. **DISC GOLF EASTER EGG HUNT AT OLD LIONS SHELTER HOUSE:**
Councilman Brian Wright shared this is the second year he has worked with Steve Quittem on this Easter egg hunt. It will take place Saturday, March 30 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. There were approximately 500-600 kids last year and they are estimating more this year. They would like to be able to fill 10,000-15,000 eggs with candy, vouchers for gifts and certificates and money. Councilman Wright would like for the City to donate swimmingpool punch cards and/or single day passes. Wondra asked how many different age categories there are. Councilman Wright shared there are 4 or 5. The money donated is used only for the Easter egg hunt. There is a sponsor board there and the sponsors will be in the newspaper. Decker suggested one 10 day swimming pool punch card for each age group. Councilman Wright stated that Steve Eschman, Albers Insurance, will supply a proof of insurance.

Decker MOVED and Wondra SECONDED to approve the Disc Golf Easter Egg Hunt at Old Lions Shelter House and to donate five 10 day swimming pool punch cards and 100 one day swimming pool passes. MOTION CARRIED.

Directors Report: Luna shared the Kiwanis Fun Days will take place again this year June 11 through August 15 from 12 PM to 4 PM at Victory Park. This will be on next month's agenda. IROCFEST is already posting it will be held at Rodeo Park again this year; this will also be on next month's agenda. The saddle club, which meets at the rodeo arena, has not paid their water bill and the water department has not heard anything from the responsible parties. It was suggested the water bill has to be paid before anymore saddle club events are to be held. J. Garcia asked if there are any updates about dredging in the marina. Luna has not heard anything yet. The company was supposed to give a quote but has not been able to look at it because of the weather.

Decker shared the rodeo enclosed needed handrails at the handicap ramp and a sign to show where the handicap ramp is. Luna said he will pursue this.

Wondra MOVED and S. Garcia SECONDED a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Tara Johnson, Chairperson