

MINUTES
FORT MADISON PARKS, RECREATION & DOCK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5:00PM
FORT MADISON, IOWA

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauri Wondra

CITY STAFF PRESENT: John Luna, Dawn Helling

GUEST PRESENT: Councilman Brian Wright, Sara Mueller, Torrance Scott, Mike Brown, Rev. Hosea Winters, Bob Menke

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Johnson at 5:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson:

Luna asked for a nomination for a chairperson. J. Garcia nominated and Decker seconded Tara Johnson as chairperson.

J. Garcia MOVED and Pulis SECONDED a motion to seat Tara Johnson as Chairperson of the Parks, Recreation and Docks Board for a term of two (2) years. MOTION CARRIED.

Johnson asked for a nomination for a vice-chairperson.

J. Garcia MOVED and Decker; SECONDED a motion to seat Mike Pulis as Vice-Chairperson of the Parks, Recreation and Docks Board for a term of two (2) years. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments:

Bob Menke shared sketches of a big wooden banner he is building for the finish of RAGBRAI at Riverview Park. The supports are metal beams attached to semi-trucks. There will be a large 10'x20' map of Iowa.

Old Business:

- A. CITY CAMPGROUND FEES:** Helling shared the prices for camping in Creston, IA and Missouri Valley, IA. Johnson liked the idea of having a maximum number of days for camping at 14. Pulis and Holtkamp would like to have the fees raised to \$10 for non-electric and \$15 for electric.

Decker MOVED and J. Garcia SECONDED a motion to change the rates for camping at the City Campground to \$8.00 for non-electric and \$15.00 for electric; for there to be a maximum stay at the campground of fourteen (14) days unless permission is granted by the Parks Department for an extended stay. MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

- A. **HORSE AND BUGGY RIDES AT OLD FORT:** Jimmy Wendorf, Old Fort, shared there are going to be horse and buggy rides June 14-15, 2013, to go along with an event the Old Fort is having. The rides will be given by a private contractor, John Stuekerjergen, who has his own insurance. He will be giving quick rides around the Old Fort area but will also be going into the Riverview Park area.

Pulis MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to approve Horse and Buggy Rides in Riverview Park
MOTION CARRIED.

- B. **ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE AT RODEO PARK SOFTBALL FIELD:** Mike Brown, softball league representative, shared everything will be the same as previous years except it is going to be a shorter season. It will start beginning of May and end either the first or second week in August. This will be held on Tuesday nights.

Holtkamp MOVED and J. Garcia SECONDED a motion to approve Adult Softball League at Rodeo Park Softball Field.
MOTION CARRIED.

- C. **IROCFEST 2013:** Torrance Scotton, IROCFEST president, asked for permission to hold IROCFEST 2013, May 24-26, 2013 at the rodeo arena. The event went great last year and there will be even more bands this year. They monitored people who were camping and made sure the rules were followed. Johnson asked if there were any complaints and Scott said there were not. He said Comfort Inn gave a discount to stay at the hotel during this event and provided a shuttle so patrons who stayed did not have to drive. Holtkamp asked who provides security. Scott said it is a private security company. Pulis asked if it affected camping fees and Luna said camping fees are included in the lease.

Holtkamp MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to approve IROCFEST 2013 in the Rodeo Arena.
MOTION CARRIED.

- D. **LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION ADDITIONAL DATE:** Already approved but needed to add an additional date for the showing of "Footloose" for a Relay for Life Fundraiser on August 3, 2013.

Pulis MOVED and Decker SECONDED to approve for Lights, Camera, Action to have an additional date added to show "Footloose" for a Relay for Life fundraiser. MOTION CARRIED.

- E. **HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTIAN CHURCH MUSIC IN CENTRAL PARK:** Rev. Hosea Winters would like to have a musical day in Central Park on June 15, 2013, to promote their church. This would take place in the Central Park Bandstand between 11 AM and 4 PM. He did not think they would need the shelter house but would need additional picnic tables and trash cans. Drinks and some food items may be sold.

Pulis MOVED and Holtkamp SECONDED to approve Holy Spirit Christian Church Music in Central Park on June 15, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

- F. **SWIMMING POOL SEASON PASSES:** Sara Mueller, Fort Madison Aquatics Director, gave a pool season pass comparison spreadsheet comparing the season pass rates of Fort Madison with Mt. Pleasant, West Burlington and Keokuk. She shared there is quite a price difference. Fort Madison is higher. There are quite a few families who buy family passes every year. It would be harder for families to enjoy the pool this summer if the season pass rate is \$75.00 per person. She asked the board to reconsider and have discounted rates for families. J. Garcia asked how family would be defined. Mueller said it is people within the same household. S. Garcia asked if they would all have to have the same address. Mueller said they would.

Holtkamp MOVED and Pulis SECONDED to approve having swimming pool family passes with a 10% rate increase from last year's rates for two (2) through four (4) family members and \$25.00 added to last year's rates for five (5) or more family members. MOTION CARRIED.

Directors Report: Luna shared a quote has been given for dredging of the marina. He noticed the proposal did not include where the slips are so he will be getting quotes from the company for if they move the slips or if the slips are already moved. The company asked if there was a place to put the silt that is removed. Luna asked Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director, if there was a place the silt could be dumped. Driscoll said there is a place. Byron Smith, City Manager, is in the process of applying for a bond to help pay for this but it may be another year before it is approved. Decker asked if anything could be done to keep the marina from filling in again. Luna said the only thing that could be done is to reconstruct the marina.

S. Garcia MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED and the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Tara Johnson, Chairperson