

MINUTES
FORT MADISON PARKS, RECREATION & DOCK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5:00PM
FORT MADISON, IOWA

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauri Wondra, Council Liaison Brian Wright

CITY STAFF PRESENT: John Luna, Dawn Helling

GUEST PRESENT: Sarah Clendineng

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Johnson at 5:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Pulis MOVED and J. Garcia SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Pulis MOVED and Garcia SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2013 special meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments:

None

Old Business:

A. FORT MADISON LIBRARY TO INSTALL STORY WALK AT ONE OF CITY

PARKS: Sarah Clendineng, Fort Madison Public Library, brought a possible layout of a storybook walk at Central Park and 2 possible layouts at Old Settlers Park. Decker began by stating the criss cross layout at Old Settlers Park would not work because during the fall festival, and other events held at the park, vehicles drive into the park to unload and the pedestals would be in the way. Johnson asked if layout B would work out. Clendineng stated she has concerns about layout B because it could cause a problem with parking along Avenue F and that it may require an easement. Since they would be in a right-of-way, there could be underground utilities. Luna responded that Iowa One Call could be called and located for utilities. Holtkamp stated he liked the criss cross idea but he thought it would work better in Central Park. Johnson asked how big the pedestals would be. Clendineng replied the top would be 18"x12" and it will stand 3' tall. Luna asked how often the books would be replaced and she said at least once a month but more often in the spring and summer. Decker noticed on the layouts there were 5 in a block and asked if they could be installed closer together then there could be quite a few in a block. Clendineng stated they wanted each pedestal spaced a little ways apart to incorporate fitness and reading such as having books with activities like skipping, dancing, etc. Holtkamp asked if this is approved and a few years from now it is decided this is not working is it set in stone or could it go back to the table. He was informed it could go back before the Board. Luna asked if this is approved would the Parks Board have a say in how it is laid out. Clendineng said they would.

Item failed due to lack of motion.

New Business:

- A. DENY SUMMER MOORING PRIVILEGES TO MICHAEL ORR (KELLY BECKERT) FOR THE 2014 SUMMER MOORING SEASON:** Luna shared there has been a problem with them not submitting their paperwork and payment on time for summer and winter mooring and they are also late removing their boat from mooring. Helling shared according to the Harbor Rules and Regulations, if documents and payment are not submitted on time then the person forfeits their slip for the season. She also shared they would pay once a “threatening” letter has been sent. Johnson asked if they are charged penalty fees when late. Helling stated they are not because there are no penalty amounts established. Johnson wondered if they could be called and warned about it. J. Garcia asked if we know who puts the boats in the water. Luna stated we didn’t but will try to find out. Johnson shared maybe slip renters should have to notify the City when they are putting their boat in the water. Helling distributed a copy of the Harbor Rules & Regulations to the board members to review. She asked if the board should examine it at the next meeting and make necessary changes. Board members agreed.

Holtkamp MOVED and Decker SECONDED to table Deny Summer Mooring Privileges to Michael Orr (Kelly Beckert) for the 2014 Summer Mooring Season. MOTION CARRIED.

- B. MAIN STREET USE OF RIVERVIEW PARK FOR 5K RUN/WALK:** Fort Madison Partners asked to have this on next month’s agenda instead.

Directors Report: Luna shared Don Verkruyse is \$6,500.00 behind in rent for the marina. In the past 8 months, only one payment has been made. According to the lease, he has 30 days to pay then it goes back to Kirk Butler, previous owner. Decker asked if Kirk doesn’t want it what happens to it. Luna shared the City takes it back. Holtkamp asked if Verkruyse would come in to pay \$3,000.00 now then \$3,000.00 later if that would be sufficient. Luna said it has to be paid in full. He will keep the board updated. Johnson asked what the owners have said about this. Luna said Brockman got the first letter and informed the City he is no longer involved with the marina. City Attorney Robert Johnson sent a letter to Verkruyse.

Luna shared J. Garcia, Pulis, Johnson and Garcia’s term is to expire in April and requests for them to inform him if they would like to continue on the board.

J. Garcia MOVED and Holtkamp SECONDED a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED and the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Tara Johnson, Chairperson