

MINUTES
FORT MADISON PARKS, RECREATION & DOCK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5:00PM
FORT MADISON, IOWA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Pulis, Jim Decker, Jesus Garcia, Bobby Holtkamp, Council Liaison Brian Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauri Wondra, Tara Johnson, Sheila Garcia

CITY STAFF PRESENT: John Luna, Dawn Helling

GUEST PRESENT: Rachel Benda, Kathy Benda, Scott Theissen, Dallas Howard, Steve Rippeteau, Terry Hoenig, Pat Helling, Amber Lawson

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson Pulis at 5:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Holtkamp MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments:

Terry Hoenig shared that Pat Helling, Amber Lawson and himself are all slip renters at the Riverview Marina and would like to know what is going to happen with the marina. He questioned about if it is going to be dredged and about the marina building. He stated they would be glad to help at the marina in any capacity.

New Business:

Luna asked to start with New Business so individuals who are there, to share about an event, can leave earlier. The agenda items were also not presented in the order of the Agenda due to Scott Theissan needing to leave for another meeting.

- A. BOY SCOUTS OLD FORT CAMPOUT AT OLD FORT:** March 29-30, 2014, Scott Theissan, Dallas Howard and Steve Rippeteau, Mississippi Valley Council #141 representatives, Theissan shared they planned this outing to give the scouts a good time and to show the public what they do. The representatives were at the meeting to ask permission to use the area outside the Old Fort. On March 29, 2014 the scouts would like to have activities outside the fort and then the scouts will spend the night inside the Old Fort. They are working with the police, fire department and Coast Guard to see if they could come for demonstrations and activities. Luna asked if they were still planning on having a rock climbing wall. They were not sure; needed to talk to the National Guard, who has the rock climbing wall. Luna said there could be a liability issue. Theissan stated after March 1, 2014 the City of Fort Madison can be added onto the insurance policy as an additional insured. Luna informed them the City would need a copy of Proof of Insurance and they will need to sign a release form, which Helling will send to him.

Holtkamp MOVED and Decker SECONDED to approve the Boy Scouts using the area outside of the Old Fort for their activities involved with their campout March 29-30, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

- B. WELLNESS TRAILS:** Rachel Benda, representative, shared a group has organized to develop walking trails in Fort Madison and would like a letter of support from the Fort Madison Parks Board, by May 3, 2014, to help obtain grants. This walking trail project will take place in 3 phases: Phase 1 - from Ivanhoe Park to Bluff Road, Phase 2 – Middle of Phase 1 to New Middle School and Phase 3 – Fort Madison Community Hospital to New Sports Complex. The goal is to connect the parks. Some money has been donated. The RAGBRAII Committee is going to donate finances; and the group is hoping to obtain grants. In order to qualify for some of the grants, the walking trails have to connect schools or parks. Luna shared City Manager Byron Smith said we have a letter of support from DuPont for such a thing. J. Garcia asked what kind of trail they are planning on developing. Benda shared they are hoping concrete but it depends on finances. J. Garcia asked how recent this was discussed with DuPont. Luna shared it was last year. He also said extra money from the bond, the City obtained, will help. Councilman Wright is on the PTO at the new middle school and suggested talking to either Kim Fehseke or Todd Dirth about support from the school district.

Holtkamp MOVED and J. Garcia SECONDED to approve for John Luna, on behalf of the Parks Board, to write a letter of support for walking trails in Fort Madison. MOTION CARRIED.

- C. FORT MADISON DISC GOLF LEAGUE USE OF RODEO PARK FOR ICE BOWL DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT:** February 8, 2014, Luna shared this is a reoccurring yearly event. Will need to sign a release.

Holtkamp MOVED and J. Garcia SECONDED to approve Fort Madison Disc Golf League Use of Rodeo Park for Ice Bowl Disc Golf Tournament. MOTION CARRIED.

- D. FMHS SOCCER PRACTICE AT MIKE BOWEN FIELD:** March 17, 2014 to June 6, 2014 from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, Luna shared this is a reoccurring yearly request. Will need to sign release.

Decker MOVED and Holtkamp SECONDED to approve FMHS Soccer Practice at Mike Bowen Field March 17-June 6, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

- E. FMHS JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER TOURNAMENT AT MIKE BOWEN FIELD:** April 12, 2014, Luna stated this is a reoccurring yearly request. Is included on the soccer practice release.

Pulis MOVED and J. Garcia SECONDED to approve FMHS Varsity Soccer Tournament at Mike Bowen Field April 12, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

- F. APPROVAL OF OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION EVENT DATES:** Decker shared the concert dates will be June 27, July 18 & August 17, 2014; Fall Festival will be September 17, 2014 and their meetings will be at the shelter on Sundays from noon – 2pm. Luna asked when they are planning on starting construction on the new shelter. Decker said in early spring they will start buying building materials. He asked Luna if inmates or personnel from the Parks Department could tear down the current shelter house. Luna thought that would be possible. Decker showed a plan of the new shelter. There will be a small building in the back with 2 separate rooms which will each have its own key. The one room will contain a sink. He wondered if the City could pay for drainage to sewer. The other room will be for storing equipment. When the shelter is rented, the person can

use the room with the sink. Luna shared it was approved for bond money to be used for playground equipment at the parks. Since it is not needed, they could use it for sewer. He will have Larry give a quote for sewer connection.

Holtkamp MOVED and J. Garcia SECONDED to approve Old Settlers Association Event Dates. MOTION CARRIED.

G. RIVERVIEW MARINA HARBOR RULES AND REGULATIONS BOOKLET:

There were Board members absent, therefore, the members who were present wanted to table this item until more members could be present.

J. Garcia MOVED and Decker SECONDED to table reviewing the Riverview Marina Harbor Rules and Regulations booklet until more members could be present. MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business:

A. DENY SUMMER MOORING PRIVILEGES TO MICHAEL ORR (KELLY

BECKERT) FOR THE 2014 SUMMER MOORING SEASON: Luna and Helling shared for the past several years Michael Orr and Kelly Beckert have been late submitting their paperwork and payment for Summer Mooring and Winter Mooring. They are also late, every year, removing their boat from Summer and Winter Mooring. Beckert's slip was rented to someone else, Summer 2006, because she was late submitting her paperwork and payment. She was very angry and contacted the City Manager, Mayor and Councilmen. She was allowed to obtain a different slip to make her happy and they have had that slip since then. Decker stated there should be a penalty for not following the rules. J. Garcia agreed that the rules need to be followed.

J. Garcia MOVED and Pulis SECONDED to Deny Summer Mooring Privileges to Michael Orr (Kelly Beckert) for the 2014 Summer Mooring Season. MOTION CARRIED.

Directors Report: Luna shared the Parks Board terms for Pulis, Garcia, J. Garcia and Johnson expire in April and he needs to know if they want to continue. Pulis and J. Garcia both said yes. He is waiting for a response from Garcia and Johnson.

The Dock owners have till February 24, 2014, to pay past lease payments, and then ownership goes back to Kirk Butler, previous owner. Butler is not interested in leasing the building again. Robert Johnson, City Attorney, is creating documents for Butler to sign handing over the marina to the City. Butler is trying to sell the equipment in the marina. He is planning on having an auction in March.

Dredging is going to be moving along as well as realigning the jetty wall. They have to meet with the Corp of Engineers. The City is proposing to scrap the current marina and build a new 2 level one. J. Garcia asked what the time frame is for the Corp of Engineers to be here. Luna said hopefully April. Decker stated that with all of the snow, there may be flooding again this year. Pat Helling shared there are problems with the water pipes on the docks and the docks are not in very good shape. Luna said it will cost approximately \$16,000.00 to replace the boards. The City will no longer be receiving the \$6,000.00 for rent on the marina and will now have to pay property taxes on it. Helling thinks those items should be addressed before a new building is put up. Terry Hoenig asked if anyone has looked into moving the marina and harbor to where the riverboat is now. Luna shared when John Wright was mayor it was looked into but nothing became of it. Decker stated it is very shallow there. The riverboat is sitting on mud.

J. Garcia MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Mike Pulis, Co-Chairperson