

MINUTES
FORT MADISON PARKS, RECREATION & DOCK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5:00PM
FORT MADISON, IOWA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Chapman, Jesus Garcia, Mary Ann Gaudette, Tara Johnson and Bobby Holtkamp

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Decker and Lauri Wondra

CITY STAFF PRESENT: John Luna and Dawn Helling

GUESTS PRESENT: Robert Morawitz, Michael Richards, Charles Wendorf, Denise Anderson

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

Approval of Minutes:

Garcia MOVED and Gaudette SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments:

Charles “Jimmy” Wendorf, FM Community Garden, asked if he could coordinate the Farmer’s Market in Central Park again this year. Johnson responded that she was certain Main Street Partners is taking it over. Luna said he will look into it. Wendorf then asked if anyone was going to run the concession stand at the swimming pool. Luna shared the FM Band Boosters is going to run it.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- A. ROTARY PICNIC IN CENTRAL PARK:** June 7, 2015, Luna shared this is a reoccurring event and is a fundraiser for the Central Park band concerts.

Holtkamp MOVED and Chapman SECONDED a motion to approve the ROTARY PICNIC IN CENTRAL PARK. MOTION CARRIED

- B. ILLINOIS FEDERATION BASS TOURNAMENT:** August 20-23, 2015, Luna asked Helling to share about this since she had the information. Helling shared that the representatives of this are not able to attend the meeting because they live 6 hours away. This is a two day, combined weight tournament. Each federation club sends a six man team to compete. There will be approximately 40 boats. An oxygenated release boat will be used to release the bass back into the river. A pre-tournament meeting will be held at the Riverview Park Shelter on Friday evening to explain rules, etc.

Gaudette MOVED and Holtkamp SECONDED a motion to approve the ILLINOIS FEDERATION BASS TOURNAMENT. MOTION CARRIED

- C. **FLEA MARKETS IN CENTRAL PARK AND OLD SETTLERS PARK:** June 13, July 11, August 8, and September 12, 2015, Denise Anderson shared this had been held previously in Riverview Park but it had to be moved due to flooding. Decided to just have it where they will not have to worry about flooding. The flea markets will be held in Central Park, except the one on September 12, it will be held in Old Settlers Park.

Holtkamp MOVED and Garcia SECONDED a motion to approve the FLEA MARKETS IN CENTRAL PARK AND OLD SETTLERS PARK. MOTION CARRIED

- D. **MAYHEM ON THE MISSISSIPPI IN RIVERVIEW PARK:** May 9, 2015, Jessica Holtkamp, Fort Madison Partners, shared this is the second year this has been held and last year there were over 100 runners/walkers. She has already obtained permission from Police Chief Bruce Niggemeyer and from Old Fort Site Manager Eugene Watkins. They will need 6-7 barricades.

Chapman MOVED and Holtkamp SECONDED a motion to approve the MAYHEM ON THE MISSISSIPPI IN RIVERVIEW PARK. MOTION CARRIED.

- E. **FORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER USE OF MIKE BOWEN FIELD IN RODEO PARK FOR SOCCER PRACTICES:** March 16 to May 6, 2015, Luna shared this is a reoccurring event with no problems.

Holtkamp MOVED and Gaudette SECONDED a motion to approve FORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER USE OF MIKE BOWEN FIELD IN RODEO PARK FOR SOCCER PRACTICES. MOTION CARRIED.

- F. **FORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL JV SOCCER TOURNAMENT AT MIKE BOWEN FIELD IN RODEO PARK:** April 11, 2015, Luna shared this is a reoccurring event.

Gaudette MOVED and Garcia SECONDED a motion to approve the FORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL JV SOCCER TOURNAMENT AT MIKE BOWEN FIELD IN RODEO PARK. MOTION CARRIED.

- G. **HISTORIC DISTRICT SIGNS IN OLD SETTLERS PARK AND CENTRAL PARK:** Bob Morawitz, Historic Preservation Commission Chairman, shared they would like to install a sign in each of these parks to promote the historic district and the park to park district. Each sign will be approximately 3'x4' and will say "PARK TO PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT" and on the back will have a map of the historic district. Luna shared he has been working with Melinda Blind, City Clerk, on this. Holtkamp asked where in each park they would be. Morawitz shared in Central Park it will be placed on the Avenue F side facing downtown and in Old Settlers Park they would like to place it on the Avenue E side facing east but are afraid it would be too crowded. Johnson shared she would like to see pictures of their idea before voting on it. She also asked if he has talked to the parks' associations. Morawitz shared he is a member of the Old Settlers Association. Johnson asked when they would want to install the signs. Morawitz said they would like to in May but it probably won't be until June. Johnson suggested that he get pictures then present it to the parks board. Luna suggested having it on the May agenda.

Directors Report:

Luna shared Kirk Butler has been hired as the Fuel Dock Attendant. He will start on April 8, 2015. His hours will be Wednesday through Sunday 11am-7pm.

The mechanical dredging is complete but in the process the sea wall collapsed. Larry Driscoll hired Ron Cullen to solidify the wall. The hydraulic dredging will have to go out for bid after it is approved at the next City Council meeting. He is hoping it will be completed by the end of June. This can be completed while the boats are in the marina because it is performed underwater. He shared B Dock is completely new and quite a bit of money has been and is being spent. A portion of the marina building is being fixed up to where they will be able to sell boating supplies, ice, fuel and there will be vending machines. We are hoping it will be ready by April 15, 2015.

A quote was obtained for sound panels in Riverview Pavilion. It will be \$3,600.00 for the panels and Andrew Weise will install.

Michael Richards, slip renter, asked if the slip renters who have slips from Dock BB through Dock D can go ahead and put their boats in since nothing was done with those docks. Luna shared they cannot until everything is done because it will be a liability.

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

Tara Johnson, Chairperson