

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Chapman, Sue Pieper, Mary Ann Gaudette, and Lauri Wondra

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Decker, Jesus Garcia and Tara Johnson

CITY STAFF PRESENT: John Luna, Dawn Helling, City Manager David Varley, Councilman Rusty Andrews

GUESTS PRESENT: Elizabeth (Libbie) Shields, Lee Ann Shaffer

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

Approval of Minutes:

Gaudette MOVED and Chapman SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2015 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments:

None

Old Business:

- A. RENDEZVOUS ON THE RIVER AT RIVERVIEW PAVILION:** July 10, August 7 and September 14, 2015, Tim Gobble, Fort Madison Partners shared information about these events at the June 10, 2015, meeting but was not an agenda item, therefore, needs to be voted on.

Chapman MOVED and Gaudette SECONDED a motion to approve RENDEZVOUS ON THE RIVER AT RIVERVIEW PAVILION. MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

- A. LIVING HOPE CHURCH OF NAZARENE CONCERT IN CENTRAL PARK:** July 18, 2015, Elizabeth Shields shared this church would like to invite Fort Madison area worship teams from churches to perform. This would be free to the public and they may possibly give away hot dogs also. It will start at 10:30am and she is not sure what time it will end. Only the gazebo will be used. Extra trash cans will be needed.

Chapman MOVED and Pieper SECONDED a motion to approve the LIVING HOPE CHURCH OF NAZARENE CONCERT IN CENTRAL PARK. MOTION CARRIED

- B. BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS 5K COLOR RUN/WALK IN RODEO PARK:** September 26, 2015, Lee Ann Shaffer, shared they are now located at the United Way Center across from McDonald's. This is the first 5k they have held. Registration starts at 7am. Those with strollers and children who are up to 5 years old will start at 8:05am. There will be 3-4 stations of colors which can be cleaned up with water. They will also provide snacks. Entry fee is \$25 but those with strollers will be less.

Pieper MOVED and Gaudette SECONDED a motion to approve a BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS 5K COLOR RUN/WALK IN RODEO PARK. MOTION CARRIED

Directors Report:

Luna included a report with the agenda. He shared there has been concerns that the parks board does not have enough jurisdiction. City Manager, Mayor and City Council have given the board permission to oversee the Quality of Life Bond for parks. The parks board can approve an idea then take to the City Council. Riverview Park and Rodeo Park have the most funds. Victory Park has \$100,000 to use toward fixing the tennis court or toward something else there. Pieper asked if someone makes a suggestion if they have to attend the meeting it is being presented at. It was stated they did not. Gaudette asked if any of the bond money can be used for improvements at the public pool. Luna shared it can. Wondra shared that the Fort Madison High School has a welding program and they could help with different improvements. City Manager Varley shared that the City has been entertaining the idea of using them to make a section of fence for the cemetery that was damaged. Chapman shared the idea of giving marina slip renters a \$.25 gas discount. Wondra wondered about looking into charging a launching fee at the marina. City Manager Varley stated this can be looked into for next year's rate. Pieper asked why the number of slip renters have went down. Chapman shared it is because it filled in with silt, there was no gas and no one to attend it. He suggested putting up a sign to inform boaters there is gas for sale. Pieper asked why there are no grills at the shelters in Rodeo Park. Luna shared it is because they were either vandalized or they were worn out but the parks board could look into getting new ones. Pieper also shared the trail behind the saddle club is washed out. Luna responded he would look into it.

Chapman MOVED and Pieper SECONDED a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Lauri Wondra, Board Member