

MINUTES
FORT MADISON PARKS, RECREATION & DOCK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5:00PM
FORT MADISON, IOWA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Chapman, Sue Pieper, Mary Ann Gaudette, Jim Decker and Tara Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauri Wondra, Jesus Garcia

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Dawn Helling, John Luna, Councilman Rusty Andrews

GUESTS PRESENT: Linda Lair, Mark Lair, Andy Andrews, Erin Keith, Charles Craft, Shelley Dowling

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

Approval of Minutes:

Chapman MOVED and Gaudette SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- A. LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOATS IN RIVERVIEW PARK:** November 27, 2015 through January 10, 2016, this is a reoccurring event.

Decker MOVED and Pieper SECONDED a motion to approve LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOATS IN RIVERVIEW PARK. MOTION CARRIED

- B. RIVERFEST 2016 IN RIVERVIEW PARK:** Charles Craft shared his proposal for this event in Riverview Park. The original Riverfest was held around the 4th of July and consisted of a carnival and musical acts. He would like to make this a family friendly event with something for everyone to do. The dates he is leaning toward are the first week in August or third week in August. He would prefer to have it in August versus the original 4th of July date due to the fact there is usually not as much rain in August and less chance for flooding. Chapman asked him when he will have a hard date. Craft said in 2 or 3 weeks. Johnson asked what type of music he is planning on having. Craft answered he is planning on having local or regional musical acts that performs music everyone can enjoy. He would like to have a national act if possible. Chapman asked if alcohol will be served and Craft responded that he will have to in order to offset costs. Many people will not attend if they cannot enjoy a beer while listening to music, but the focus will be on this event being family friendly. The beer tent will be in a secure, fenced area. Luna asked how he would get people for his steering committee. Craft responded that he already had some people in mind but would like people from all walks of life. Decker asked if there were going to be fundraisers and/or if there will be sponsors. Craft answered sponsors will be a

big part. He wants to have a sponsor for each event. Gaudette shared she noticed some events could be run by charities and wondered how he will choose which ones. He said there will not be a limit to charities having events. Chapman asked if he had a back-up plan in case of bad weather and Craft said he is planning on having a large tent for the performances. Chapman then asked if it could be moved to someplace such as the rodeo arena if flooding did occur. Craft said it could but he would like to keep it separate from the rodeo.

Chapman MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to approve RIVERFEST 2016 IN RIVERVIEW PARK. MOTION CARRIED

Directors Report:

Luna shared that a couple of the softball coaches were very pleased with the way the ballfield was restored after rodeo. John Shaw has turned in a quote for new baskets at the disc golf courses in Rodeo Park. Councilman Rusty Andrews recommended for the parks board members to walk around in the different parks and share with the board items that need tending to. Chapman asked if finishing the trail at Rodeo Park is still a possibility. Councilman Andrews responded the City received a grant for it but it had to be ADA compliant. He said Public Works Director Larry Driscoll is still working on it.

Gaudette MOVED and Pieper SECONDED a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED and the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Tara Johnson, Chairperson