

MINUTES
FORT MADISON PARKS, RECREATION & DOCK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5:00PM
FORT MADISON, IOWA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Pieper, Mary Ann Gaudette, Jim Decker and Jesus Garcia

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauri Wondra and Tara Johnson

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

GUESTS PRESENT: John Shaw, Sara Mueller, Jamie Williams, Andy Andrews, Eric Dochterman, Rebecca Bowker and Lowell Newberry

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

Approval of Minutes:

Gaudette MOVED and Pieper SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments:

Andy Andrews, North Lee County Historical Society, requested that the rental fee for the use of Riverview Pavilion be waived for the Old Fort Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on April 9, 2016. Luna informed him it will be on the agenda for the March 2nd meeting.

Sara Mueller, Fort Madison Aquatics Director, requested for maintenance to be performed on the waterslide and requested the purchase of umbrellas for shade or some kind of permanent shade. Luna shared he has obtained a bid from Huffman's for the improvements on the waterslide. The cost will be approximately \$20,000 for frame improvement and new pumps. He is just trying to decide how it should be paid for but these requests will be fulfilled.

Old Business:

- A. **HARMONY BIBLE CHURCH'S REQUEST TO USE RIVERVIEW PAVILION ON THURSDAY EVENINGS INSTEAD OF TUESDAY EVENINGS:** Luna informed that Harmony Bible Church would like to utilize Riverview Pavilion on Thursday evenings instead of Tuesday evenings. There are 3 events when that will not be possible.

Garcia MOVED and Pieper SECONDED a motion to approve HARMONY BIBLE CHURCH'S REQUEST TO USE RIVERVIEW PAVILION ON THURSDAY EVENINGS INSTEAD OF TUESDAY EVENINGS. MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

- A. **TERM RENEWALS APRIL 1:** Jim Decker and Sue Pieper have both renewed their terms. Luna has not heard from Lauri Wondra yet.

- B. FORT MADISON USSSA BASEBALL LEASE RENEWAL:** Jamie Williams, representative, informed they would like to lease the baseball field at Ivanhoe Park again. They will have a clean-up day soon and will be performing some repair work. This is a reoccurring event.

Gaudette MOVED and Pieper SECONDED a motion to approve FORT MADISON USSSA BASEBALL LEASE RENEWAL. MOTION CARRIED

- C. 4 PAWS FOR MEGAN 5K RUN/WALK FUNDRAISER IN RIVERVIEW PARK:** Rebecca Bowker shared this is a fundraiser for a 15 year old girl named Megan Deacon who has epileptic seizures. An organization called 4 Paws For Ability provides trained dogs that detect when a person is going to have a seizure so the person can move to a safe place. \$15,000 has to be raised for the purchase of one of these dogs for Megan. They would like to have a 5k run/walk in Riverview Park on Saturday, April 23, 2016. In case of flooding, they would like to have it in Rodeo Park. Gaudette asked if it is the same fundraiser that was held at the Eagles Club last year. Bowker replied it was not. Pieper asked if this needs to be held every year or just once. Bowker said it is a one-time fee.

Garcia MOVED and Gaudette SECONDED a motion to approve 4 PAWS FOR MEGAN 5K RUN/WALK FUNDRAISER IN RIVERVIEW PARK. MOTION CARRIED

- D. FORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM USE OF MIKE BOWEN FIELD:** Luna shared this is a reoccurring event that will take place March 14, 2016 through June 3, 2016. It will be practices only and the games will be at the Baxter Sports Complex.

Pieper MOVED and Gaudette SECONDED a motion to approve FORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM USE OF MIKE BOWEN FIELD. MOTION CARRIED

- E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LIST OF PROPOSED QUALITY OF LIFE BOND PROJECTS FOR RODEO PARK:** Luna and City Manager David Varley shared suggestions for the use of the bond funds that are designated for Rodeo Park:

1. Disc Golf Course Improvements: disc golf targets, installation sleeves, color tops, tee boxes and signs. Total cost for 36 of each and freight is \$32,450. Garcia asked what the boxes are made of. John Shaw responded they are made of cement but could be made cheaper than the quote the City obtained. Decker asked how many tournaments they normally have. Shaw answered approximately 5. Eric Dochterman explained that the disc golf league is trying to involve school age children. Garcia asked if the toppers could be done away with. Shaw said it would be nice to have them but the number can be reduced because they come with yellow ones. Garcia asked if they could get sponsors for each hole to purchase the toppers. Shaw said that is a possibility. He also shared each target has a 20 year warranty.
2. B-B-Q Grills: All board members were in agreement with purchasing a grill for each shelter in Rodeo Park for a total of \$2,267.
3. Park Picnic Tables: Councilman Andrews asked if the tables were the ones like in the picture. Luna said they would be metal frames but the rest of the material

would be wood. Councilman Andrews said it would be better to purchase metal rubber coated ones because they would last longer. He researched it and the cost will be \$508 each. City Manager Varley agreed that it would be a better investment and there is flexibility due to still having funds from the bond. Luna said the price difference isn't much. Shaw shared pillars at Scenic Drive Shelter needs work. They are in bad shape. Councilman Andrews shared something needs to be done about the electricity at Airport Annex Shelter. Garcia stated he thinks it should be permanently disconnected. Board members agreed. Councilman Andrews feels that the board should purchase the rubber coated tables especially since the shelters are going to have improvements done. Luna shared that the City lets the Lion's Club borrow picnic tables every year for their pancake breakfast. Maybe the Lion's Club will help purchase some.

4. Rodeo Park Shelter House Repairs: It was suggested to use metal roofing instead of shingles on the shelters that need new roofs. Luna said that can be looked into. Garcia asked if the price would be the same but Decker said it will cost more.
5. Rodeo Park Trails: Pieper asked what kind of surface they will be. Luna shared it will be gravel.
6. Rodeo Park RV Park: Pieper asked if there are going to be a limit on how long a camper can stay. Luna shared there will not be. Garcia asked what the amps are on the peds at the City Campground. Councilman Andrews responded that most have 1-50 amp and either 20 or 30 amp. Pieper suggested that more research should be done on the sites. Councilman Andrews said that Luna should talk to Josh Denning and Chuck Kempker from the rodeo committee and find out their thoughts. Garcia wondered about having gravel parking pods instead of cement. City Manager Varley said that can be looked into.

City Manager Varley stated that these items did not need to be voted on tonight. The changes can be researched and brought before the Board at the next meeting.

Committee Liaison Reports:

- A. Johnson: (Sports Complex/Rodeo/RiverFest): was absent.
- B. Pieper: (PORT) Group: No report.
- C. Decker: (Old Settlers Association): No report.
- D. Mary Ann: (public pool): No report.

Directors Report:

Luna shared that at the next meeting the Board will be discussing rather or not to remove the fence around Victory Park.

Garcia MOVED and Pieper SECONDED a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Jim Decker, Vice Chairperson