

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MADISON PARKS, RECREATION & DOCK BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5:00PM**  
**FORT MADISON, IOWA**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lauri Wondra

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Dawn Helling, John Luna, City Manager David Varley

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Andrew Wiese

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Public Comments:**

None

**Old Business:**

**A. HARMONY BIBLE CHURCH USE OF RIVERVIEW PAVILION FOR 2016:**

Andrew Wiese, Pastor of Fort Madison Branch, requested to use the Riverview Park Pavilion for Sunday morning and Tuesday evening services for 2016. They started renting it last year and there have been no problems. The conditions will be the same except sound panels will not need to be purchased and doors have already been installed.

Pieper MOVED and Garcia SECONDED a motion to approve HARMONY BIBLE CHURCH USE OF RIVERVIEW PAVILION FOR 2016. MOTION CARRIED

**New Business:**

**A. FORT MADISON DISC GOLF LEAGUE ICE BOWL TOURNAMENT IN RODEO PARK:** This is a reoccurring event.

Garcia MOVED and Decker SECONDED a motion to approve FORT MADISON DISC GOLF LEAGUE ICE BOWL TOURNAMENT IN RODEO PARK. MOTION CARRIED

**B. OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION EVENTS IN OLD SETTLERS PARK FOR 2016:**

Cheryl Decker, Old Settlers Association, distributed a schedule of events to the Board. These are annual events.

Gaudette MOVED and Pieper SECONDED a motion to approve OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION EVENTS IN OLD SETTLERS PARK FOR 2016. MOTION CARRIED

### **Committee Liaison Reports:**

- A. Johnson: (Sports Complex) Not much going on. Tournaments are scheduled for next Spring/Summer.  
(Rodeo) Committee signed a 3 year contract with Cinch. Still trying to reserve bands. Having a problem since a lot of the performers tour together. The acts will be announced in April at the kick-off party.  
(RiverFest 2016) Performances and the carnival are reserved. Still looking for a major sponsor.
- B. Pieper: (PORT) Group is looking at a corporate campaign for more money and are applying for more grants. They were pleased with the results of the Booathalon.
- C. Decker: (Old Settlers Association): Bryan Morehouse, Public Works Department, will be putting up gutter guards. People are happy with the new lights.
- D. Mary Ann: (public pool): No report.

### **Directors Report:**

Luna shared that Michael Chapman resigned from the Board due to the fact he felt picked on and did not feel the Board is making a difference. April 1, 2016 the terms are up for Sue Pieper, Jim Decker and Lauri Wondra. They are to let John know by the next meeting if they want to continue serving on the Board. There was a bid opening today at 2pm for the tennis courts at Victory Park. 3 bids were submitted. The lowest bid was from Frazier Davin Construction Co. from Missouri. Next month City Manager Varley and Luna will present some options for Rodeo Park Quality of Life bond. Rodeo trail needs an upgrade, disc golf course needs some improvements, and shelters, especially Scenic Drive, needs improvements. Both Lion's shelters need new floors. Garcia stated that once improvements are made they need to be maintained. Johnson asked if sponsors could be found for each shelter. Luna shared the campground to the north of the rodeo arena is going to be expanded and improved. Pieper suggested putting bbq grills at the shelters. Luna suggested meeting at different shelters for the meetings when it gets warmer. Gaudette asked when people should submit requests for the pool. There are minor items such as umbrellas, etc. that are needed. Luna said they can be submitted as soon as possible.

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

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Tara Johnson, Chairperson