

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 6, 2021**

**4:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting**

**PRESENT:** Ray Werner, Jennifer Tigges, Robin Kennicker, Hobie Wood, Rob McCoy, Justin Hochberger and Jessica Ochoa

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Fehsal, Dan Kroger and Kristen Dietz

**CALL TO ORDER:** Werner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:**

It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by McCoy, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

No public input.

Recreation Division Manager, Kroger informed the commissioners that past commissioner, Matt Garrett is sitting in on the virtual meeting with several of his students who will be listening in going forward until school is out.

**REQUEST FROM ORDER OF THE ARROW TO WAIVE EPP ENTRANCE FEE ON MOTHER'S DAY FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST:**

Boris, Lodge Chief of Boy Scouts gave the introduction for the request from Order of the Arrow regarding waiving of the fee of Eagle Point Park on Mother's Day. Boris also would like to propose a stick pick up on and assist with helping to clean the park prior to the season on April 24th. It was moved by Wood, seconded by Kennicker, to waive the entrance fee to Eagle Point Park on May 9<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. Unanimous.

**DISCUSSION OF SUMMER RECREATION PARTICIPATION SURVEY:**

Recreation Division Manager, Kroger informed commissioners a simple survey was sent out to the public to know the comfortability with programming during the pandemic. A total of nine questions were asked and received over 240 responses. The community is appreciative of these questions being asked and overall people are looking forward to modified programming and opening of the public pools. Some submitted were not interested in any programming until the fall timeframe and others were interested in a few programs during the summer. Many comments were directed to the pools.

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF VALENTINE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN:**

It was moved by Wood, seconded by McCoy, for the recommendation of Valentine Park Community Garden to the City Council. Unanimous.

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF LETTER FOR MIRACLE LEAGUE OF DUBUQUE:**

It was moved by Wood, seconded by Ochoa, to approve the letter for Miracle League of Dubuque. Unanimous.

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF DUBUQUE WATER SPORTS CLUB LEASE AGREEMENT:**

It was moved by Tigges, seconded by Kennicker, to approve the Dubuque Water Sports Club lease agreement. Unanimous.

**LEISURE SERVICES BUDGET HEARING DATE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.:**

Recreation Division Manager, Kroger informed the commissioners that the virtual budget hearing has been scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting can be view via Facebook, GoToMeeting, and on the city website.

**MANAGER REPORTS – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

Park Division Manager, Fehsal informed commissioners that seasonal recruiting has begun.

Recreation Division Manager, Kroger informed commissioners that recreation staff is currently working with Human Resources on job descriptions and recruitment process.

**COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by McCoy, seconded by Wood, to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Unanimous.