

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

**4:30 p.m., Miracle League Field and Playground
2970 Miracle League Drive Dubuque IA 52001**

PRESENT: Jennifer Tigges, Robin Kennicker, Hobie Wood, Rob McCoy and Justin Hochberger

ABSENT: Jessica Ochoa and Ray Werner

STAFF PRESENT: Marie Ware, Dan Kroger, Steve Fehsal and Kristen Dietz

CALL TO ORDER: McCoy called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Wood, seconded by Hochberger, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

DISCUSSION OF CITY OWNED TENNIS COURTS CONDITIONS – CHAD FENWICK:

Chad Fenwick, citizen and current tennis coach for the City of Dubuque Leisure Services Department for the past six years wanted to express the need of court resurfacing with city owned tennis courts. Fenwick who is also a teacher at Loras shared they recently in the past few years re-surfaced their courts and the approximate cost per court was \$15,000 to \$20,000. In addition, Fenwick shared current condition photos illustrating to the commission the damage. Staff shared there is the possibility of some current funding that could assist with court resurfacing and current capital improvement package with funding as well. Commissioners thanked Fenwick for attending the meeting and sharing his concern regarding the city owned tennis courts conditions.

DISCUSSION OF REFLECTIONS IN THE PARK HILLCREST FAMILY SERVICES USAGE FEE:

At the October 8, 2019, Park and Recreation Commission Meeting it was moved and seconded to approve the use for the 2019-2020 usage, but request staff review of the fees prior to the 2020 agreement. At the October 13, 2020, Commission Meeting it was moved and seconded to recommend agreement for the 2020-2021 usage but research to be done in the future for possible higher amount. Kennicker made a motion to remain the same usage fee for the 2021-2022 agreement and to revisit next year. Seconded by Wood. Unanimous.

CONSIDER POTENTIAL PARKLAND ACQUISITION OF FOUR MOUNDS FARM:

Leisure Services Manager Ware shared the natural state of potential property that the city could purchase through grants. The property at 4392 Peru Road consists of a large community garden and about 32 acres of farmland that is currently under a conservation easement for prairie reconstruction. The property is privately owned and currently used for programming by Four Mounds Foundation. This property would provide residents another way to access natural habitat within the city, something that has seen increasing demand since the onset of the pandemic.

MANAGER REPORTS – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Recreation Division Manager Kroger shared the new brochure layout will feature QR codes and will be mailed to all residents in Dubuque instead of selected households. This will be both physical brochure access and online accessibility. With the software in the future and redesign of the brochure, new participants are on the horizon. In addition, Janna Beau Recreation Supervisor was awarded a Good Sports grant for equipment that will be utilized by Miracle League. Park Division Manager shared the current maintenance of the disc golf course and the recent purchase of 25 pet waste stations.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Wood, seconded by Kennicker, to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Unanimous.