

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, December 13, 2022
4:30 p.m. Bunker Hill Golf Course
2200 Bunker Hill Road Dubuque IA 52001

PRESENT: Hobie Wood, Jennifer Tigges, Lori Ollendick, Ron Axtell, and Jess Ochoa.

ABSENT: Robin Kennicker and Josh Jorgenson.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Fehsal, Jared Charland and Kristen Dietz.

CALL TO ORDER: Wood called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Ochoa, seconded by Ollendick, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

WELCOME NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Josh Jorgenson was absent. The Commissioners welcomed Ron Axtell to the Park and Recreation Commission.

COMISKEY PARK UPDATE:

The project is on track for completion in 2023 and will currently hold construction until the group thaws in February/March timeframe.

BAND SHELL INFORMATION – CITIZEN SUBMISSION:

Commissioners received citizen submission of a band shell set up in Cedarburg, Wisconsin. The citizen request consideration of something similar in the AY McDonald area. Commissioners Wood, Ollendick, and Ochoa expressed interest in something of this nature. Additional research of nearby areas and structures will be completed by staff.

WASHINGTON PARK NATIVITY AGREEMENT WITH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPDATE:

Staff shared the agreement has been signed and is in effect until January 2023 for the nativity display in Washington Park. Staff expressed this is privately done and a sign is posted with that information by the scene.

RECOMMENDATION OF SUBMISSION TO RE-CERTIFY DUBUQUE AS TREE CITY USA:

Annually staff submit the application to renew Dubuque as a Tree City USA. It was moved by Tigges, seconded by Ollendick, to recommend submission to re-certify Dubuque as Tree City USA.

FUTURE OF POOLS DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Ochoa expressed frustration regarding adding additional funds towards the pools creating a never-ending problem and waste of resources. Ochoa is interested in options that can be made. Staff recorded notes for Recreation Division Manager, Dan Kroger and this discussion was tabled until the January 10, 2022 commission meeting.

MANAGER REPORTS – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

None.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Ochoa, seconded by Ollendick, to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. Unanimous.