

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**  
**4:30p.m., Comiskey Center**  
**255 E 24<sup>th</sup> Street Dubuque, IA 52001**

**PRESENT:** Jennifer Tigges, Josh Jorgenson, Robin Kennicker, Jess Ochoa, Jason Henkel, and Lori Ollendick.

**ABSENT:** Ron Axtell.

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kennicker called meeting to order at 4:38pm.

**MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:**

It was moved by Ollendick, seconded by Jorgenson, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None.

**COMISKEY PARK UPDATE:**

Park Division Manager Fehsal shared the Re-Opening celebration will be held on Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a possible rain date of Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>. Staff have been working very hard to finish this project and we are extremely proud.

**DISCUSS POSSIBLE TOUR LOCATIONS FOR FALL PARK VISIT:**

Suggested locations include Eagle Valley, English Ridge, Westbrook subdivisions to show the locations of future parks. Some of the odd city-owned parcels and pocket parks as well.

**POOLS REPORT:**

Recreation Division Manager Kroger shared that staff worked diligently to resolve the pools needing to close early due to cloudy water. Kroger explained that some of the paint from the walls were causing particles to cloud the water making lifeguards unable to see the drain which ultimately ruled unsafe and needing to temporarily close. This was an issue across the country and staff had to drive to Madison for the nearest location offering the chemical needed for the solution. Staff do not foresee this being an issue for the remainder of the season.

**TEMPORARY STAFFING UPDATE:**

Recreation Division Manager Kroger introduced Haley Francke, Business Development Manager who recently started on the team who will oversee the Marina, Campground, Toll Booth operations and other revenue generating areas for Leisure Services. Park Division Manager Fehsal shared he has most of his

staff hired for the season and the Campground will finally open Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> after being flooded and needing to be cleaned up.

**MANAGER REPORTS – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

None.

**COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:**

Commissioner Kennicker shared that the Resiliency Commission is gathering data regarding city facilities and locations that are recycling.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Ochoa, seconded by Ollendick, to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. Unanimous.