

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Comiskey Park Building
255 E. 24th Street Drive Dubuque IA 52001

PRESENT: Jennifer Tigges, Josh Jorgenson, Robin Kennicker, and Lori Ollendick.

ABSENT: Ron Axtell, Jess Ochoa and Jason Henkel.

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

CALL TO ORDER: Kennicker called meeting to order at 4:32pm.

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Tigges, seconded by Ollendick, to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024, meeting. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Tobey Carroll 6635 Kingsley Lane Dubuque Iowa 52003. Tobey and her husband shared their disapproval of the original design for the English Ridge Concept. They were disappointed because they felt like the form was not friendly towards feedback and none of the ideas discussed were illustrated. They expressed the want for possible courts and other amenities outside of the original concept.

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

It was moved by Jorgenson, seconded by Tigges, to approve the request from the Order of the Arrow to waive the Eagle Point Park entrance fee on Mother's Day for those attending the pancake breakfast. Unanimous.

ADVERTISING PROGRAM PRESENTATION (HALEY FRANCKE, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER):

Park and Recreation Business Development Manager Haley Francke presented her roll out program for the Recreation Division. This was a newly created program to allow businesses to purchase a banner that will be displayed at a Leisure Services location during season with the option of renewal. Francke has reached out to businesses locally via online, emails, phone calls, and mailers.

STAFFING UPDATE:

Recreation Division Manager Kroger shared the numbers of applicants are very

promising and are increasing steadily. Park Division Manager Fehsal shared he and the Urban Forester Robert Wegmann attended the Kirkwood Community College to attend the job fair that connects with students who are going to a forestry degree with eight completed on-site interviews.

PROJECT UPDATE:

Project and Facilities Manager Charland shared the update of the two mini parks that went to the City Council and approved. Staff currently are reviewing the 50% plan reviews with internal city teams to continue to next steps.

REVIEW OF ENGLISH RIDGE CONCEPT:

Commissioners expressed the importance of public feedback and the needs for active community members. The commissioners were interested in the feedback that will be received this time around. It was moved by Ollendick, seconded by Tigges, to approve the English Ridge Conceptual Plan. Unanimous.

MANAGER REPORTS – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

None.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Jorgenson, seconded by Tigges, to adjourn the meeting 5:47 p.m. Unanimous.