

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, July 9, 2024
Comiskey Park Building
255 E. 24th Street Drive Dubuque IA 52001

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

ABSENT: Dan Kroger

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Fehsal

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

MINUTES APPROVED VOTE:

It was moved by Ochoa, seconded by Jorgenson, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024, meeting with the correction of placing Jason Henkel as absent. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSION MEMBER JENNIFER TIGGES

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Axtell made a motion to elect Tigges as Chairperson, Henkel second. All in favor – unanimous.

Kennicker made a motion to elect Ochoa as Vice-Chairperson, Jorgenson second. All in favor – unanimous.

Kennicker made a motion to elect Ollendick as Secretary, Axtell second. All in favor – unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND FINALIZATION OF TOUR DESTINATIONS FOR THE AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Tigges mentioned that we should have the September meeting at Eagle Point Park which is the same night at the City's Commissions Picnic. The commission discussed and choose to visit both pools for the August meeting. The tour would start at Sutton and members will utilize their own transportation to finish at Flora.

PROJECT UPDATE:

The 3 mini parks have been awarded. By the August meeting, the projects will have started. The Jefferson Park retaining wall project is out to bid. Bids will close on July 18th with the goal of awarding the project in August. We are

working with a consultant to replace the playground at Welu. Public engagement has been collected and the consultant has been working with vendors for preliminary design concepts.

MANAGER REPORTS – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

None.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:

The commission asked for a Chaplain Schmitt Island Update to be placed on the September agenda. Fehsal stated that he would ask for Leisure Services Director, Marie Ware, to attend the September meeting and provide the update.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Axtell, seconded by Ollendick, to adjourn the meeting 5:0 8 p.m. Unanimous.