

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Bunker Hill Golf Course
2200 Bunker Hill Road, Dubuque, Iowa 52001

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Fehsal, Dan Kroger, Jared Charland, Marie Ware, Wally Wernimont, and Angie Metcalf.

CALL TO ORDER: Jennifer called meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Kennicker seconded by Axtell, to approve the minutes of the November 12th, 2024 meeting. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Chuck Isenhart with Dubuque Audubon Society sent a letter to the Parks and Recreation commission regarding the review and selection of bids for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Audubon Society offered input based on the RFP for the project.

CHAPLAIN SCHMITT ISLAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:

Leisure Services Director, Marie Ware, provided a brief overview of Chaplain Schmitt Island Development Plan and the public input received regarding the development plan. The City of Dubuque's Planning Services Director, Wally Wernimont, spoke about the public input received during the Chaplain Schmitt Island Development plan Open House held on November 12th 2024. Kennicker made a motion to recommend Council approval of the Champlain Schmitt Island plan.. Henkel seconded. Unanimous.

DIVISION MANAGER REPORTS:

Project Facilities Manager, Jared Charland provided an update on Eagle Velly Park, English Ridge Park, Westbrook Park Development. He advised due to delay in the receipt of playground equipment. The three mini parks should be completed spring of 2025. Charland also provided an update on the Jefferson Retaining wall Replacement.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:

Ochoa asked for an update on retaining wall at Cancer Survivor Park as it looked like bricks were falling, possible car accident. Fehsal advised he would

look into that because the retaining wall is complete, and bricks should not be falling.

ADJOURNMENT:

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