

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, February, 11, 2025
Bunker Hill Golf Course
2200 Bunker Hill Road, Dubuque, Iowa 52001

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Fehsal, Dan Kroger, Angie Metcalf

CALL TO ORDER: Tigges called meeting to order at 4:30PM.

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by Axtel, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025, meeting. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Art Gilloon 535 Heritage Drive, Dubuque, IA 52002 thanked the commission members for their service and said he was looking forward to the discussion of items on the agenda.

Request from the Order of the Arrow to waive EPP entrance fee on Mother's Day for those attending pancake breakfast:

Jacob Blanchard and Austin Hummel from the Order of the Arrow provided a short presentation on the history of the Order of the Arrow and the past partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department. It was moved by Kennicker, second by Henkel, 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.

Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Update:

Park Division Manager Steve Fehsal and Recreation Division Manager Dan Kroger advised the consulting firm, Kimley-Horn is working closely with the Parks and Recreation leadership team to kick things off and determine public engagement.

Pets in Parks Ordinance Discussion and setting a date for public engagement:

The commission members discussed the ordinance and their desire for community engagement on the ordinance. The commission reviewed the options to focus solely on the 2 parks (Eagle Point Park and Murphy), the whole ordinance and/or section 10-5B-4 of the ordinance specific to dogs and cats. Jennifer Tigges then suggested to the group that the focus should

be on the section 10-5B-4 which covers the parks/spaces where dogs and cats are currently permitted and prohibited. The group all agreed to move forward with the review of section 10-5B-4 and solicit feedback from the community. Tigges suggested to send a press release for public input for. Park Division Manager Steve Fehsal and Recreation Division Manager Dan Kroger confirmed that they would work with the City's Communications Office to solicit Public Engagement.

DIVISION MANAGER REPORTS:

None

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:

Lori Ollendick asked how the hiring for temporary positions is going. Kroger explained that the department is getting a lot of applicants and the City's Communications department has done a great job getting job postings out and marketed to the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by Ochoa, to adjourn the meeting 5:41 p.m. Unanimous.