

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

4:30 p.m., Snack Bar, Bunker Hill Golf Course

PRESENT: Tom Blocklinger, Gary Harjehausen, Paul Hoffmann, Evelyn Nadeau and Mark Noble

ABSENT: Chuck Duggan and Karen Lyness

OTHERS: Staff present: Gil Spence, Pat Prevenas, Bob Fritsch and Eileen Trimble

MINUTES APPROVED;
VOTE: It was moved by Nadeau, seconded by Hoffmann, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS NEW LOCATION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: Commissioners had requested the possibility of changing the location of meetings because the snack bar is loud and distracting because of the league golfers getting prepared to start their league, et cetera. After discussion, It was decided to move the June meeting to the porch off the snack bar and see if that helps enough to keep the meetings at Bunker Hill.

UPDATE ON EAGLE POINT PARK 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Leisure Services Manager Gil Spence reported the following regarding Eagle Point's 100th birthday:

◆ There will be two musical groups performing – Main Street Jazz Band from 2:00 to 3:30 and Tri-State Wind Symphony from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.; ◆ Park Division Manager Bob Fritsch is working on a large display about the park and it is turning out very nicely; ◆ we are going through old blueprints and cataloging them now to try and preserve them – may display some of those; ◆ Telegraph Herald will run some articles and put out the word to those who may have worked on the park; ◆ Craig Nowack is going to do a show about Eagle Point Park for Channel 8. He wants to do a whole show on the park so it can run for a long time, not just for the celebration; ◆ We hope to have LT Amusements provide some of their inflatable bouncy houses, and a clown.

GRANDVIEW AVENUE PET PARK; VOTE: Manager Spence told commissioners that Councilperson Resnick requested the pet park issue be placed on the May 18th City Council agenda so the council could settle the issue one way or the other.

Mr. Spence reminded commissioners that the current location was chosen because the city owned the property, it was centrally located and development costs would be low. No one knew the Aspen Court residents would be impacted because the sound amplifies off the hills of the golf course.

Staff would like to have more than one pet park but finding locations is proving very difficult. Comments from commissioners during discussion included: can't see closing this one at all and would like multiple sites; we should have dog park and amenities to attract people/businesses; gone to check out the park numerous times and when there were 8 or 9 dogs in the park, would go up to Aspen Court to listen for the barking, but it's very quiet; hearing from citizens that they want the current park left open where it is.

It was moved by Noble, seconded by Nadeau, to leave current pet park open and pursue another site as an additional pet park. The motion passed unanimously.

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PARK DIVISION
REPORT:

Park Division Manager Bob Fritsch informed commissioners:

◆ good start to the season; ◆ placed a lot of died brown mulch in the downtown area – Port of Dubuque is completed and Washington Park and the Federal Building area are close to being done; ◆ Twenty-three trees were planted for the Mayor's tree sponsorship program and the plaques are being installed now; ◆ volunteers installed twenty concrete flower urns in Jackson Park area so far, with 39 total to be placed; ◆ we have three full time workers off from injury/surgery so we are stretched pretty thin; ◆ spring flowers are in at 3rd and Bell and 5th and White streets; ◆ greenhouse staff is planting flowers; ◆ Boy Scout pancake breakfast went well; ◆ rest rooms at Veterans' Memorial Park have been renovated and video surveillance cameras are to be installed to hopefully cut down on vandalism.

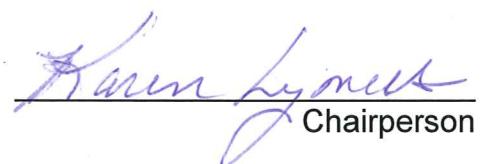
RECREATION
DIVISION
REPORT:

Recreation Division Manager Pat Prevenas informed commissioners:

◆ **Registration:** initial registration period right after the Expo had 49% of the registrations done on the Internet. **Pools:** ultraviolet systems have been installed in both pools now; there is a new federal law that all pools in country must have certain type drains and it will cost us \$20,000 to have drains changed to meet the new law requirements; swim passes are now on sale and the pools are scheduled to open May 30th. **Golf:** best spring since 2006; already met budget projections for season pass sales; had 173 golfers on mother's day. Per a request from the last meeting, commissioners were mailed a golf rounds summary for a period 1983 to 1990 when the economy was not doing well, so they could compare to now. During that period, rounds averaged from 38 to 40,000.

ADJOURN;
VOTE:

It was moved by Noble, seconded by Hoffmann, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



Karen Jones
Chairperson



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