

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

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

PRESENT: Matt Garrett, Robin Kennicker, Richard Kirkendall, Rebecca Kuhle, Robert McCoy, Jennifer Tigges and Ray Werner

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Kroger and Eileen Trimble

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by Werner, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting. Unanimous.

MEET NEW MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER DIRECTOR:

Jacqueline (Jackie) Hunter the new Multicultural Family Center Director was present to meet the commission.

TREE CITY USA APPLICATION; VOTE:

Recreation Division Manager Dan Kroger explained that you must apply each year to get recertified as a Tree City USA. This is the formal application to become recertified.

It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by Garrett, to recommend submitting an application for Dubuque to be recertified as a Tree City USA. Unanimous.

DOG FRIENDLY COMMUNITY WORK GROUP; VOTE:

Mr. Kroger shared information on behalf of Leisure Services Manager Marie Ware. The commission is to provide a representative and an alternate to serve on the dog friendly community work group. Both individuals are not required to be at the meetings but if both attend, it would be the representative that speaks. FIDO group would also need to select one member as the official representative and an alternate. If commissioners know of anyone who may have a different perspective that may be interested in working with the group, they should forward name(s) to Marie Ware.

Commissioner Werner volunteered to be the alternate; Commissioner Kuhle volunteered to be the representative or alternate; and Commissioner Tigges offered to be representative or alternate.

It was moved by Kirkendall, seconded by Garrett, for Kuhle to serve as representative; Werner to serve as first alternate; and Tigges to serve as second alternate. Unanimous.

REVIEW PARK AND RECREATION DIVISIONS' CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

A list of capital improvement projects for 2020 – 2024 was included in agenda packet and may be found as part of the original minutes. Manager Kroger explained that the projects on the lists are the ones being requested by staff.

Commissioner Kennicker asked about Highway 20 roses and flowers on North Grandview Avenue, since both projects were a high priority. She asked if the Port of Dubuque sign by the Grand Harbor was under department jurisdiction because a vehicle crashed into it and caused a lot of damage.

Commissioner Kirkendall asked about money for maintenance and repairs at the pools. Mr. Kroger said the \$135,000 in FY 2023 is for a project, but the \$25,000 and \$70,000 amounts were for regular maintenance and repairs.

STAFF REPORTS:

No questions from commissioners. Mr. Kroger told commissioners he would be in Des Moines tomorrow representing the department with the Miracle League group for an update on the CAT grant application.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS / QUESTIONS:

- Commissioner Tigges asked what local vendor we were working with for the Grand River Center sound system.
- Commissioner Garrett asked if there was any special role expected of commissioners related to Five Flags.
- Commissioner Werner said he is excited about the pet friendly working group and anxious for it to move forward but feels the Commission can work parallel to the work group and move forward on action to allow pets in parks. He has looked at statistics from 2014-2015 and approximately 76% of those communications were in favor of pets in parks. He would like to work on it over the next couple months, so it is ready to go in the spring. Commissioner Kirkendall agreed it would be nice to have a recommendation ready to go in the spring. Commissioner Tigges said it would require an ordinance change which has to go to City Council for approval and can take several meetings. After discussion it was decided to put ordinance change related to pets in parks on January agenda and commissioners should bring ideas to the meeting.
- Commissioner Kennicker asked if current ordinance could be sent to commissioners in advance of meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Tigges, seconded by McCoy, to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m. Unanimous.