

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

4:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting

PRESENT: Jennifer Tigges, Robin Kennicker, Hobie Wood, and Matt Garrett

ABSENT: Ray Werner, Rob McCoy and Rebecca Kuhle

STAFF PRESENT: Marie Ware, Steve Fehsal, Dan Kroger, and Kristen Dietz

CALL TO ORDER: Kennicker called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Wood, seconded by Garrett, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020 meeting. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF CANCER SURVIVORS PARK LEASE WITH UNITY POINT/FINLEY HOSPITAL:

It was moved by Wood, seconded by Garrett, to recommend Cancer Survivors park lease with Unity Point/Finley Hospital. Unanimous.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK OPEN HOURS ORDINANCE CHANGE:

It was moved by Tigges, seconded by Garrett, to recommend Veterans Memorial park open hours ordinance change. Unanimous.

MANAGER REPORTS – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Kennicker made the comment from citizens that they were extremely happy to have Miller Riverview Campground opened officially. Park Division Manager, Fehsal stated the campground has been doing extremely well this season since opening May 27, 2020. Tigges asked if there will be a continuation of Ash tree removal on Jackson Street. Fehsal stated that yes this will continue until all the Ash trees on Jackson are removed. Tigges asked if citizens were notified in the area prior to removal. Fehsal answered based on the severity of the trees being a hazard and there being no appeal process, letters are not sent. Citizens are informed via utility bill inserts and door hangers at times to promote the education of the Emerald Ash Borer program. Recreation Division Manager, Dan Kroger made an emphasis that the Marina has done considerably well with fuel sales this year compared to last. Programming is going to be different this fall due to the COVID-19 virus. Recreation staff is currently working with local school staff on fall activities with the possibility of

collaboration.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:

Garrett asked if they had any applicants for the three vacant positions on the Park and Recreation Commission. Staff noted there were nine applicants to fill the three vacant positions that will be appointed by the City Council Monday, August 17, 2020. Garrett was thanked for his service to the Commission and the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Garrett, seconded by Wood, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Unanimous.