

MINUTES
Park & Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, December 7, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: Pete Degabriele, Jennifer DeFosse, Brad Bark, Sarah Hoeg and Gina Othmer

Members Absent: Rick Bierman and Dana LaRue

Staff Present: Rich Klimes

Guests Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes of the October 5, 2022 regular meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. Motioned by Degabriele. Seconded by DeFosse. All ayes; motion carries.

Updates – Parks and Recreation Budget Results FY 21/22

Staff distributed and discussed operating budget results for fiscal year 2021/2022 for the following divisions: Admin, Park Maintenance, Kent Stein, Soccer, Recreation, Aquatic Center, Cemetery, Golf Maintenance, Golf Clubhouse, Boat Harbor, Marina, Soccer Events and Wellness.

Update – Programs and Projects Updates

Programs - Staff gave brief update on current programs and special events that have taken place or will be taking place: Walking Club, Adult Volleyball, Gymnastics, Fall Festival, Turkey Trot, Weed Park Festival of Lights, Trunk or Treat, Candy Cane Hunt, Elves Workshop and Holiday Train.

Projects - Staff gave an update on the following projects:

- The City of Muscatine received \$25,000 in tree grants in 2022 and worked with several volunteer groups to help with the tree plantings.
- Staff is currently working on finding more funding for the soccer irrigation project.
- Staff scrapped the infield and added AgLime to diamond #16 in Kent Stein this fall.
- The Aquatic Center slides were painted, deck was caulked and roof repairs were made this fall.
- The Southend Improvement Projects continue to make progress. It is anticipated that we will have substantial completion on many of the projects this fall. The paint at the pickleball courts is starting to rust so we are working on a solution for that. Kent Stein Park trail connector will most likely begin in May/June of 2023.

Other Business

The Muscatine Community School District has requested that diamond #1 and Bruner Field be gifted to them. They have agreed to make the City whole and build another diamond. Staff is looking at possibly making changes to diamond #2 and diamond #3 as well to make them more multiuse. By consensus, the commission members were not in support of the MCSD plan.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Rexroth
Officer Coordinator