

MINUTES
Park & Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers

Members Present: Brad Bark, Pete Degabriele, Gina Othmer, Sarah Hoeg and Delmar Kuhlers

Members Absent: Dana LaRue, Rick Bierman

Staff Present: Rich Klimes, Blake Allington, Jeff Limburg, Jennifer Eagle

Guests Present: None

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

Hoeg motioned to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2024 regular meeting as distributed. Seconded by Degabriele. All ayes; motion carries.

Presentation – Miracle Field

Presentation given by Blake Allington, Program Supervisor, & Jeff Limburg, Athletic Facilities Supervisor.

Presentation – Indoor Sports Complex Development Timeline & Park Projects

Greenwood Cemetery Main Chapel – Completion Spring 2024

Weed Park Lagoon Project – Bid Spring 2024

Indoor Sports Complex – Bid Spring 2024

Southend Improvement Fund Project – Completion Spring 2024

Discussion – Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Updated Cemetery Rules and Regulations was sent via email to members. Discussion centered around non-resident fees.

- Kuhlers suggests anyone who has lived in the City of Muscatine for 10+ years & has to go to assisted living have non-resident fee waived.
- Hoeg suggests the non-resident fees be removed.
- Othmer agreed with Hoeg & suggested perhaps raising fees to meet in the middle.
- Parks & Recreation to research fees for similar municipal cemeteries near the area.

Discussion – Golf Course Policy Manual

Golf Course Policy manual updated 2/16/2024 was reviewed.

Only change from the previous year was a one dollar increase on greens fees and a one dollar increase on cart rentals.

Discussion – Athletic Facilities Scheduling Policies

Kent Stein

Soccer Complex

Concessions to be the same as last year

Update – Programs and Projects Updates

Programs –The Parks and Recreation Department currently has tee-ball registrations open. Adult volleyball league is coming to an end. Gymnastics is ending in April.

The new Program Supervisor, Blake, started in December. He is currently working on the The 2024 Spring/Summer Program Brochure will be ready late March/early April.

Update – Special Events

Special Events listings are continuing to come in. Pickleball tournaments are becoming a popular request.

Other Business

Bark commented on the golf guidelines & policy were nicely done.

Board Liaison was brought to discussion. All members voiced disapproval; noting they think it isn't necessary for this board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Eagle

Officer Coordinator