

MINUTES
Park & Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: Gina Othmer, Sarah Hoeg, Delmar Kuhlers & Pete DeGabriele, Brad Bark

Members Absent: Rick Bierman & Dana LaRue

Staff Present: Rich Klimes, Jennifer Eagle

Guests Present: None

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

Bark motioned to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024 regular meeting as distributed. Seconded by Delmar. All ayes; motion carries.

Update – Indoor Sports Complex Construction Schedule

- Resolution of Public Hearing at City Council on May 16, 2024.
- Public Hearing on June 6, 2024.
- Opening Bid Date is set for June 27, 2024.

Update – Weed Park Lagoon Project

The Weed Park Lagoon Project is currently out for bid on Ion Wave. The bid will close on Monday, May 13, 2024. Estimated to be completed in 4-5 months (before Halloween).

Discussion – Indoor Sports Complex Usage/Scheduling

The Committee was given a copy of the current Soccer/Ball Diamond Facilities Scheduling Guidelines to review & see how we currently schedule those facilities as an example.

Public and private meetings will start occurring with groups who wish to utilize the facility.

- Bark commented the current guidelines with some adjustments from community recommendations.
- Delmar commented his concern for all age groups getting usage, not just varsity sports or events.
- Gina recommended different days/evenings for different events; such as: One weeknight for adult use, one or two day(s) for baseball/softball use, another day dedicated to football or soccer.

As a group, the committee agreed moving the equipment around less will help extend the life of the equipment so it doesn't need to be replaced or repaired as often.

Updates – Programs and Projects Updates

The Parks & Recreation Brochure was handed out to each member for review.

Southend Taylor Park restrooms should be completed soon. Park shade structures have been ordered. The Riverfront Fountain is closed due to renovations. Security cameras, security light installation & pickleball court repairs are upcoming.

Update – Special Events

Farmers Market weekly event is starting this month. Almost Friday Fest, Melon City Criterium, American Cruise Line Tours are some of the upcoming scheduled events. The Muscatine Aquatic Center opens Saturday, May 25.

Other Business

The Miracle Field project received a donation to assist with engineering costs.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Eagle
Officer Coordinator