



MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, September 13, 2021, 6:00PM
Civic Auditorium Stage

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Chad Reece. Board Members present: Missy Reynolds, Jason Bruckhoff, and Mary Beth Barnes. Also present were: Park Superintendent, Todd Espeland, Program Director, Brett Geelan. Absent: Mike Johnson

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Motion by Missy Reynolds. Second by Jason Bruckhoff. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Motion by Jason Bruckhoff. Second by Missy Reynolds. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

EAB Mitigation Update

- August 17 meeting with DNR = Ash Borer present in FC
- Based on 2014 Report there are about 305 Ash Trees on City owned property with approximately 140 of those in the City parks, excluding Clark's Woods
- DNR recommendations: Cut down and/or treat
- Ongoing discussions with City Departments on strategies
- Todd will keep the Park Board updated on further decisions

Other New Business

- Hynes Spur Trail
 - Discussion of hosting a fundraising event in October
 - Funds raised would be used for maintenance, resurfacing, amenities
- Northeast Iowa Foundation will present

OLD BUSINESS

Rec Report, Brett

- HyVee can redemption site needs improvements
- Volleyball and Soccer Leagues started September 11, with approximately 85 participants in soccer and 37 in volleyball
 - 5 week programs
 - The Waldorf University Women's Soccer team is coaching the soccer league
 - Anna Ramaker and Liz Jenkins from WU are helping with VB
- Testing will begin at the swimming pool to locate leaks
 - Leaks are potentially in underground piping of gutters
 - Water loss this summer was anywhere from 14 to 22K gallons/day

Park Report, Todd

- Campground continues to be busy
- Korth Family Nature Trail
 - Heartland Asphalt is finished with paving, shouldering, and seeding
 - After some legal work, the trail will be turned over to the Parks for maintenance
- Dam to Rapids Project Update
 - According to DNR, an aggressive timeline would be bidding in November with construction starting this winter. If not able to start in winter, most likely would be July/August of '22
- Discussion regarding campground shower house improvements
- Will be bringing in new rock for the Clark's Woods road and also parking areas in Merrick Park
- Hoping to finish campground pads this fall as well
- Swinging Bridge in Pammel Park to be inspected

ESPN Fund

- \$ 44,133.57

Other Old Business

- None

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Motion made by Jason Bruckhoff. Second by Missy Reynolds. Motion carried.