

July 13th, 2016 Park Commission Minutes

Present: Scott Warner (President), Alex Hintz, Melody Schmitz, Craig McAteer also present: Randall Solberg (Supervisor)

- 1) Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.
- 2) Public Comments - No public comments
- 3) Approval of Minutes- Ed made a motion to approve the March Minutes. Seconded by Alex. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) President's Report- Scott gave an overview and update of recent events: success of the 4th of July float, recent approval of the contract between the Parks Commission and the Racine Spartans, success of the softball and adult kickball rec leagues. Scott also informed the Commission of the upcoming performance review for the Parks Supervisor and invited members to provide input if desired. Finally, Scott informed the Commission that there had been an inquiry into Caledonia's ordinances regarding the use of remote control boats at Gorney Park.
- 5) Budget Report- Scott went over the budget with the Commission. There were no objections to anything contained in the report. Scott noted that a special session may be required in order to approve the upcoming 2017 budget in a timely manner.
- 6) Fundraising/Advertising Update – The fundraising golf outing raised a total of \$100. The golfer turnout was most likely affected by hot weather and other community events taking place simultaneously. The commission engaged in a discussion on how to increase fundraising efforts and success in the future.
- 7) Summer Programs – Scott shared information on the community organized, privately run program “Sports in the Park”.
- 8) Parks Supervisor Position Update – Scott requested assistance from the Commission in creating a detailed job description for the Parks Supervisor Position. Melody agreed to assist.
- 9) Supervisor/Maintenance Update- a) Supervisor's Report- ***see attachment b) 2016 Events- Golf outing was discussed again, as well as the upcoming Poker Run. c) Advertising- The commission discussed ways to increase community interest in advertising on ball diamond outfield walls. d) League Update- Softball league was a success and most or all of the teams are expected to return. Randall noted that although there was a lower number of teams this year, he expects a higher turnout next season because now the community has seen the improved state of the ball diamonds. e) Project Approval- Committee had no objections to the final design proposal received by Randall for the memorial park benches.
- 10) New Business- Melody suggested a Parks Commission “wish list” that could be listed in the Journal Times. This list would include improvements that the Parks Commission would like to see in each park, allowing individuals in the community to be made aware of needs and have the opportunity to volunteer. The commission agreed to think of items they would like to see improved in the various parks.

11) Communications and Announcements- Scott shared that he had received a thank you regarding the Nicholson Wildlife Reserve.

12) Adjournment- Alex made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Melody. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M. Respectfully submitted by: Alex Hintz