

**MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
May 10, 2016**

The Bettendorf Park Board held a special meeting on May 10, 2016 at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Chairperson - Larry Makoben
 Commissioner – Tim Carroll
 Commissioner – Steve Wilger
 Vice-Chairperson – Don Wells
 Commissioner – Tom Dryg

STAFF OPERATIONAL UPDATES

1. Brian Hickey, Golf Maintenance Manager, had nothing to add to his report.
2. Jon Waddell, Golf Professional, was not in attendance. His report included information on the Grill which had a drop in food sales for April of about 25%. Steve Grimes added that this is partly due to Easter falling in March and a few large programs not being billed in April.
3. Liz Solis-Willis, Recreation Manager, introduced two new recreation program coordinators: Teresa Leedle and Nichol Smith. Both ladies have worked for the Parks department in the past, but Liz is very happy to have them on officially as coordinators.
4. Todd Voelliger, Parks Maintenance, had nothing to add to his report.
5. Jason Schadt, Finance, gave the financial report. For the golf course, rounds were down in April at Palmer Hills, but still ahead for the year. Revenues are stable and in line with predictions. For the LFC, 113 memberships were sold in April with a total of 1626 current members, down slightly from last year. However, revenues from leases and rentals are up. For Splash Landing, they are off to a good start. The 2016 season is yet to be seen.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The first item in new business is the cost estimate for the pedestrian bridge in Crow Creek Park. The bridge would be a prefabricated steel 6' bridge, lowered into place on footings. The total estimate for the engineering, bridge, and footings would be \$242,000.00. This estimate does not include additional trail to connect it to current park trails. The estimate is more expensive than expected. Also, there is concern that the heavy cranes needed to lower the bridge into place might damage the current trail. The bridge would give us access to 10 acres of park that is currently inaccessible. Another option would be to purchase currently owned private property bordering the 10 acres of land. Although that would give access to the 10 acres, it would still not connect to the existing park lands. A new housing development is going in to the north of the park. They do not wish to have access to the park or trails at this time. The Board decided to continue further investigation into different options.
2. The second item of new business is the design update on Forest Grove Park. Steve Grimes reported that the City did a cooperative project with Pleasant Valley schools with 14 ¼ acres of

land at Forest Grove Park. Phase One of the park is currently under way. Phase Two of the park development, the Great Lawn Area, will occur adjacent to the location of the future Forest Grove School. The school is currently in design and may not be started for five years. The concern is that the school design may not fit with that of the Great Lawn. Pleasant Valley is happy with the design of their Hopewell School and believes that their Forest Grove School will be similar. They are considering adding eight tennis courts to the school yard. These courts would be directly adjacent to the park boundary on the west. There would also be a parking lot near the courts. These parking lot costs would be split between the school district and city. The contract includes for the city to ask for the parking lot to be built before the school, if necessary.

3. The third item for new business is the Life Fitness Center CIP Project. Liz Solis-Willis, Recreation Manager, explained that the City Council has approved \$200,000.00 in CIP money for the LFC to use. Liz requested ideas from the LFC Advisors and surveyed participants. They compiled an initial sixteen-item wish list that was subsequently reduced to 8-9 items. These include: 1. Electronic Color Two-Sided Outdoor Sign, 2. Adding 8 new Cybex machines, 3. Renovating the existing Cardio Room, 4. Large Fans, 5. New equipment for the weight room, 6. Update and Redesign of back Cardio Room, 7. Resurfacing the basketball courts, and 8. Adding a third gym window. The Board agreed that the LFC should continue in this direction and return to the June meeting with its final recommendations.

CONSENT AGENDA

No changes were made to the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Chairperson Makoben to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 pm.

CHAIRPERSON: _____

ATTEST: _____

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**MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2016**

The Bettendorf Park Board held a regular meeting on May 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Chairperson - Larry Makoben
 Commissioner – Tim Carroll
 Commissioner – Steve Wilger
 Commissioner – Tom Dryg
 Vice-chairperson – Don Wells

ADDRESS THE BOARD

Andrew Jesselhaus addressed the board regarding his completed Eagle Scout Project. Andrew showed pictures and explained how he took down the old netting from the batting cages at Devils Glen Park. Andrew replaced the lumber and netting with brand new material. He spent a total of \$1,645.55 and over 200 hours to complete the project. Andrew doesn't play baseball but his younger brother does.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wilger motioned to approve the recommendation of the Harmony Music Instrument project for Faye's Field to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wells.

Ayes: Dryg, Carroll, Makoben, Wells, and Wilger
Nays: None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

1. Commissioner Wells: Just a reminder to contact the City if you have any questions about the 4th of July festivities and send in your application to be in the parade.
2. Commissioner Wilger: May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Take the opportunity to visit the City parks to improve your mental health.
3. Commissioner Dryg: This weekend is the For Sale by Owner event, a great event for purchasing a second hand vehicle. Also, get out and enjoy the parks, including Kiwanis Parks where Pickleball is played.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Dryg motioned to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wells.

Ayes: Dryg, Carroll, Makoben, Wells, and Wilger
Nays: None

Motion was made by Chairperson Makoben to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm.

CHAIRPERSON: _____

ATTEST: _____

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