

**MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
June 14, 2016**

The Bettendorf Park Board held a special meeting on June 14, 2016 at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present:           Chairperson - Larry Makoben  
                  Commissioner – Steve Wilger  
                  Vice-Chairperson – Don Wells  
                  Commissioner – Tom Dryg  
Not Present:   Commissioner Tim Carroll

**STAFF OPERATIONAL UPDATES**

1. Todd Voelliger, Parks Maintenance Update, had nothing to add to his report.
2. Kim Radcliff, Administration and Community Center Update, reported that shelter rentals in the City were up and very positive. With the addition of Kiwanis, Crow Creek #5, McManus #2, as well as Forest Grove Shelter later this year or spring of 2017, rentals are greater than last year. There were 28 more rentals this April and 22 more rentals this May.
3. Brian Hickey, Golf Maintenance Manager, reported that Hole 14 is going from a Par 5 to a Par 4. This is being done by adding four new Tee Boxes, as well as removing a large oak tree. There is not a huge financial output for the change, however. The hole is considered by many to be the most difficult on the course so the changes should be appreciated. No hole closures are forecasted during the change. Brian asked for a motion for a modification on the water feature for Hole 10. By modifying the previous plans to go from three ponds to one it will lower the cost by \$60,000.00 and keep it in line with the \$180,000.00 budget. This will incur a fee of \$15,000.00 to have Paul Miller change the design.

*On Motion by Commissioner Wilger, seconded by Vice-chairperson Wells, to amend the design of the water feature order to keep it in line with the \$180,000.00 budget. There will be a fee of \$15,000.00 to have Paul Miller change the designs to accommodate the changes.*

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

4. Jon Waddell, Golf Professional, was not in attendance, however, Brian mentioned that the short game practice facility, made possible by Friends of Bettendorf Parks Foundation, opened last week and has been very well received. Thirty-five students participated in a Juniors Clinic over several time slots. Adult lessons are also taking place in the evenings.
5. Liz Solis-Willis, Recreation Manager, reported they are still working on a few proposals for the LFC. Splash Landing is open and doing well. The new Spray Fountains have been very well received. They are looking to add a booster pump in order to better operate the seven fountains and a self-activating board for swimmers to be able to turn the water streams on themselves.
6. Jason Schadt, Finance, was not present.

## **UPDATES REGARDING UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **1. Forest Grove Master Plan Update**

Mike Bell from RDG presented an update on the Forest Grove Master Plan. Phase One, which includes the Community Corner, is well underway. The Community Corner includes a playground, parking, shade structures, a shelter with restrooms, and basketball courts. Later phases include the building of Forest Grove School. The school is being modeled after the current Hopewell Elementary. Some of the school designs have been modified to move the parking closer to the park. The parking will be shared between the school and the park. There are roughly 156 spots going in, with the ability to have additional parallel parking when school is not in session. The park will also include four restrooms with water. The Great Lawn will have great flexibility. It will be able to hold large events such as festivals, sporting events, and will include nature appreciation. There will be a series of both hard walkways and wild trails for walkers, bikers and hikers. North of the future school location, the City is considering including a water feature, an amphitheatre, and a large educational center. There is also ecological restoration going on, thanks in part to a \$150,000.00 grant awarded to Steve Grimes. Staff and RDG's ecologist are working together to restore the land back to its natural state. It will be the ideal location for an educational center for the students to be able to experience ecology first hand. Future projects may also include a maintenance facility, a natural-rustic play area, and a day lodge.

At this point, the bidding process is going to slow down, in order to give the school a chance to make more decisions. However, the hope is to have most of the park completed by 2018.

### **2. Review of Crow Creek Bridge Cost**

Cost estimates were sent to board members. Costs for the bridge were much higher than expected. The estimate for the pedestrian only bridge quickly reached \$240,000.00. The recommendation from Steve Grimes is to defer the project for the time being and bring it back for further discussion in three to six months.

*On Motion by Vice-chairperson Wells, seconded by Commissioner Dryg, to table the discussion of the Crow Creek Park Bridge Project until the September meeting.*

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

No changes were made to the Consent Agenda.

**Motion was made by Chairperson Makoben to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 pm.**

CHAIRPERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 15, 2016**

The Bettendorf Park Board held a regular meeting on June 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present:           Chairperson - Larry Makoben  
                  Commissioner – Steve Wilger  
                  Commissioner – Tom Dryg  
                  Vice-chairperson – Don Wells  
Not Present:      Commissioner – Tim Carroll

**ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Life Scout Ian Wilger gave a follow up presentation of his Palmer Hills Golf Course Pavilion Eagle Scout project. Ian created a memorial garden for Herbert Goettsch behind the Pavilion. The project consisted of him designing, tilling, planting, and composting the garden, as well as doing electrical work, replacing the flag pole, and adding lighting for the flag. The plantings included: Two Weeping Cherry trees, Black-Eyed Susans, Cone Flowers, Native Grasses, and Knock Out Roses. The site also has a plaque commemorating Herbert Goettsch. The project required 165 hours to complete at a total cost of \$4,361.02. A dedication was held June 4<sup>th</sup> and was attended by the mayor and members of the Goettsch Family.

**GIFTS**

Steve Grimes mentioned that the final payment of \$100,000.00 was made by the Atley B. Hendricks account.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

1. Commissioner Wells: Just a reminder to attend the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade at 10:00am.
2. Commissioner Wilger: Have a safe and sane 4<sup>th</sup>. Take the opportunity to visit the Bush Scenic Overlook at 35<sup>th</sup> and Elm.
3. Commissioner Dryg: Come out and enjoy the outdoor concerts in the city; Thursday nights at Faye's Field and Friday night's Park Band Concerts.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

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

CHAIRPERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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