

**MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
January 9, 2018**

The Bettendorf Park Board held a special meeting on January 9, 2018 at 4:00pm.

Present:                   Chairperson – Larry Makoben  
                              Vice-Chairperson – Don Wells  
                              Commissioner – Tim Carroll  
                              Commissioner -- Tom Dryg (arrived @ 4:20 pm)  
                              Commissioner – Steve Wilger

**ELECTION OF PARK BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2018**

*On motion by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Dryg, to nominate Larry Makoben as Park Board Chairperson.*

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

*On motion by Commissioner Wilger, seconded by Commissioner Carroll, to nominate Don Wells as Park Board Vice-Chairperson.*

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

**STAFF OPERATIONAL UPDATES**

1. Golf Clubhouse Update – Jon Waddell  
Jon Waddell was not present. Steve Grimes reported that there was a nice early December with rounds being played, and we have now switched over to cross-country skiing. Also, Palmer Grill being open during the winter has helped with the food sales.
2. Recreation Update – Liz Solis-Willis  
There are a number of activities going on currently. The Life Fitness Center recently completed a membership sale with 90 new annual memberships sold. As of the end of December, there has been approximately 13,600 visitors to Frozen Landing, which surpasses the total number for last year.
3. Parks Maintenance Update – Todd Voelliger  
No items for action. He was asked about whether he has been approached about riders utilizing fat tire bikes in the park and whether it is presenting a problem. Todd said that he doesn't have a problem with it as long as it isn't creating damage. If there is an issue, they are asked to stop. Most of the individuals who are riding those types of bikes, thus far, have been respectful and have not been utilizing the parks and trails when conditions would cause problems.
4. Golf Maintenance Update – Brian Hickey  
No items for action. He has been working with Paul Miller, the architect, to finalize specifications for the new 13<sup>th</sup> Hole and Putting Green project which will be happening in the spring. On tomorrow's agenda, there is the scheduling of the public hearing for the next phase of improvements at Palmer Hills. They have been working with the architect for the plans and specifications for that phase, including discussions on how everything fits, specifically with reference to Frozen Landing and possibly moving it to a more permanent site at the golf course. A differing layout has been considered

and they are confident they could replicate what is currently at Frozen Landing in the area near the putting green without substantially impacting the upcoming improvement this spring. There is a need to apply for additional water use allocation, as Palmer Hills went over their allotted water use due to the drought. Sixteen million gallons were granted this past year and 18.5 million were used. The old #14 was turned into native tall grass this past year and those sprinklers were off, so once the new 13<sup>th</sup> hole is put in that area, it will be additional maintained turf that will need to be watered, so additional water will be needed, and there is a \$350 permit fee.

5. Financial Report – Jason Schadt

Jason reported on the updated financials for December and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Update.

**ADDRESS THE BOARD**

There was an article in the paper regarding the Bettendorf School District this morning and Chairperson Makoben asked Decker Ploehn to report on his conversations with members of the school board.

Mr. Ploehn stated that the City was approached in December by the superintendent inquiring whether a sale or swap of ground at either Edgewood Park or McManus Park. The meeting was attended by Mr. Makoben, Mr. Grimes and Mayor Gallagher. They inquired as to whether the City would consider any or all of the proposed transactions and the response was they could not speak for the Board or the Council, but a proposal would be entertained as to what their interest was should the School District choose to submit one. Last night the superintendent suggested that both McManus and Edgewood were in play from their perspective. Mr. Grimes, Mr. Ploehn, and the Mayor met with their facilities committee making it clear that the City would allow them to do due diligence on the properties to see if the sites could accommodate a school, and title searches could be done to ensure the properties weren't restricted, and that the school district should make a specific proposal with what they would like to do and what they would like to exchange or buy/sell so that there could be a discussion held. They have been asked to go back to their Board and consider whether they would even like to pursue a proposal and then there would likely be a joint meeting of the Council and the Park Board to see if there is interest in considering it. This would be a public discussion that would be had if and when there is information forth coming on what the School District is proposing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review proposed Recreation Facilities RFP language and timeline – A draft of the proposed RFP was reviewed. This draft has been reviewed by the City Attorney. A steering committee has been formed to review the proposals that are submitted. The goal is to have this out with a submittal deadline of February 7 to be able to review proposals and return with recommendations at a Special Park Board Meeting likely in February.

*On motion by Commissioner Wilger, seconded by Commissioner Wells, to approve the Recreation Facilities RFP and to send it out.*

Ayes: Carroll, Dryg, Makoben, Wells and Wilger

Nays: None

2. LFC Improvements and Marketing Strategy Update -- Liz presented a number of photos and updates on the improvements at the Life Fitness Center over the past year: window to track area, infra-red sauna in women's locker room, new cardio room remodel and new equipment, locker room/restroom renovations, updated equipment, new large fans and basketball standards, new programs have been started (Kids Zumba, Magicians Academy, Self-Defense, Mother-Son Night, Winter Carnival and Movie Nights). Marketing Updates: There have been a variety of different ideas tried this year: Dish

and DirecTV, Mediacom (which gave some sole rights to advertise on Weather Channel). This advertising helped with promotion of the most recent sale and helped getting the word out.

3. Discussion of Hosting the 2018 Iowa Parks Foundation Golf Outing – We hosted this in 2017. The State of Iowa Park Foundation hosts a fundraiser every year and they try to rotate it around the state but have had it in the same location more than once. This is a small outing of 35-40 golfers. We would like to submit a proposal to be considered again this year.

*On motion by Commissioner Dryg, seconded by Commissioner Carroll, to submit a Proposal to host the 2018 Iowa Parks Foundation Golf Outing.*

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

### **ADJOURN**

**Motion was made by Chairperson Makoben to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 pm.**

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

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**MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 10, 2018**

The Bettendorf Park Board held a regular meeting on January 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

**ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Eagle Scout Presentation by TJ Lyons – Crow Creek Park Dog Park and Trail Improvements on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. He would like to clean the park, update some obstacles in the large dog area, add 6-8 hardwood trees, and add six vinyl benches. His rain date would be April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. He will be working with Trees R Us and has a possible grant from the Davenport Optimist Club. He anticipates seven hours with 15 volunteers from the Optimist Club, his troop, and his family.

*On motion by Commissioner Wilger, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Wells to approve TJ Lyon's Eagle Scout Project at the Crow Creek Park Dog Park.*

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Set Date for Public Hearing to Approve Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract for the Palmer Hills Golf Course Improvement Project for February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

*On motion by Commissioner Dryg, seconded by Commissioner Carroll to Set Date for Palmer Hills Golf Course Improvement Project.*

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

*On Motion by Vice-Chairperson Wells, seconded by Commissioner Wilger to approve the Consent Agenda.*

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

**GIFTS**

A gift was received from the Wessell Family Endowment to benefit the Life Fitness Center.

**COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

1. Commissioner Dryg and Vice-Chairperson Wells – Please enjoy the cross country skiing and breakfast at Palmer Hills.
2. Commissioner Carroll – Over the next couple of months, as a Park Board and a City, we have some exciting things happening regarding future plans for three of our main facilities. Would encourage anyone within the city who has an opinion to be a part of that process so we can make the best decisions possible for our city. If you are asked to attend a meeting, please do so, everyone’s input is needed to determine the direction we need to move forward.
3. Commissioner Wilger – Ask all the residents to “Get Out and Park”.

**ADJOURN**

**Motion was made by Chairperson Makoben to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm.**

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

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