

**MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
February 13, 2018**

The Bettendorf Park Board held a special meeting on February 13, 2018 at 4:00pm.

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

STAFF OPERATIONAL UPDATES

1. Golf Maintenance Update – Brian Hickey – Have been working with First Green with is a partnership with Golf Course Superintendents of America which utilizes STEM learning. Science teachers and golf course superintendent work together to create a hands on learn experience in an outdoor golf course setting. They are working with Bettendorf School District to try to get this program started at Palmer Hills for this fall. This would potentially expose kids who have never had a golfing experience to golf.
2. Golf Clubhouse Update – Jon Waddell – This past weekend was a good weekend. The Grill was busy. 37 pairs of skis were rented on Saturday. Sledding and skiing were quite popular this past weekend with the snowfall.
3. Recreation Update – Liz Solis-Willis – The Life Fitness Center has a membership sale going on right now. The new people tracker is showing a much higher level of traffic (almost quadrupled numbers). These numbers are more accurate that what has been reported in the past as it is better tracking non-member and recreational traffic. During a recent walk through at Splash Landing it was noted that the toddler pool had emptied, currently unsure of the cause, but will be following up on that.
4. Parks Maintenance Update – Todd Voelliger – No items.
5. Financial Report – Jason Schadt -- None

DIRECTOR'S OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Nothing additional. Expressed gratitude for the efforts of the parks staff with regard to snow removal during the recent snowfall. They do a fantastic job of keeping everything cleared.

UPDATES REGARDING UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update of Recreation Facilities RFP Process – Four proposals have been received. There were approximately 12 requests sent to different organizations. The proposals that have been received are each collaborative efforts of multiple organizations. A committee has been formed and will begin interviews possibly at the end of next week. The hope is to return a recommendation by mid-March so a contract can be awarded so the process can begin.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of Forest Grove Park Farm Lease for 2018—Resolution #08-18 – This is the same lease as in past years, however this year would be for the entire 54.7 acres instead of the partial allotment of last year. This lease has been reviewed by the City Attorney. Dates and rates have been updated. Rates are derived from average Scott County farm lease rates from the prior year to plant and harvest corn. The farmer has been great and it is recommended to stay with him. This is a shared lease with the School District.

On Motion by Vice-Chairperson Wells, seconded by Commissioner Dryg to approve Resolution #08-18 to approve the 2018 Leasing of Property at Forest Grove Park for Agricultural Use.

*RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
2018 LEASING OF PROPERTY AT FOREST GROVE PARK
FOR AGRICULTURAL USE*

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BETTENDORF, IOWA: WHEREAS the Bettendorf Park Board owns property at Forest Grove Park that has been utilized as farm land in the past and,

WHEREAS the Bettendorf Park Board wishes to see the property utilized in a productive manner that does not encourage the growth of invasive plant material,

The Bettendorf Park Board hereby agrees to lease an area of fifty-four and seven-tenths (54.7) acres of land to Robert VenHorst for a total fee of \$13,784.40 from March 15, 2018 to February 15, 2019.

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

2. Review and Approval of One-Year Lease of Pigeon Club Building to the Greater Bettendorf Community Foundation – Resolution #10-18 – Don Wells presented information from Greater Bettendorf Community Foundation who currently lease the second story of the building. Their 2017 Annual Report was distributed. Multiple project have taken place this past year, most notably the Agape Project. 270,789.5 pounds of food was distributed serving approximately 128,947.4 individual meals to 8,210 families in a 5 month period. Additionally, 20,871 non-food items were distributed to 4,300 individuals representing 1,256 families. The members of the Park Board thanked Don for the efforts of their organization to do so much for the Bettendorf Community.

On Motion by Commissioner Wilger, seconded by Commissioner Carroll to approve Resolution #10-18 to approve a one-year lease with the Greater Bettendorf Community Foundation to utilize the Bettendorf Pigeon Club Building.

*RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE-YEAR LEASE
WITH THE GREATER BETTENDORF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
TO UTILIZE THE BETTENDORF PIGEON CLUB BUILDING*

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BETTENDORF, IOWA: To approve a one-year lease with the Greater Bettendorf Community Foundation to utilize the 2nd Floor of the Bettendorf Pigeon Club Building for a total rental fee of \$1800.00 (\$150 per month) as per the attached lease effective August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018.

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

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Chairperson Makoben to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 pm.

CHAIRPERSON: _____ ATTEST: _____

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<http://www.bettendorf.org/departments/division.php?structureid=208>**

**MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2018**

The Bettendorf Park Board held a regular meeting on February 14, 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

1. Public Hearing – Receive Community Input on the Review and Approval of Plans, Specifications, and Form of Contract for the Renovations at Palmer Hills Golf Course, 2999 Middle Road, Bettendorf, IA that include their tee #1, entrance, parking lot areas, driving range, and hole #14. Affidavit was published in the newspaper on February 1, 2018.

Brian Hickey, Jon Waddell presented an update on the renovation plans for Palmer Hills Golf Course. Consultant, Paul Miller, participate via telephone. The larger project will take place over four years.

Phase 1A is scheduled for April – mid-August 2018. This phase would include:

- New putting green (where #1 tees are)
- Build a patio overlooking the new green, existing green and #9 green which would seat approximately 40 individuals.
- New cart path along the new green
- Construction of new #13 between old #14 tees and new back tees on #14.
- Current #13 will remain open until new #13 is completed.

Phase 1B is scheduled for mid-September – November 30, 2018 and will include:

- Finish up work on new patio (fire pit, steps, stairs and new plantings)
- New synthetic turf at driving range
- Add new tee line and seating behind the tee line.
- 50 foot high netting along the west and southern edge of the range
- Replace existing range lights and add lights for future putting course and short course.
- Remove portion of cart path and build new.

Anticipated schedule:

Feb 19 – Plans available on city website

Feb 22 – Pre bid conference

March 9 – Bids due

April 23 – July 31 – Construction

August 1 – April 30, 2019 – Grass establishment

May 1, 2019 – Open

Any Citizen Present Who Wants to Comment

Bill Lish – 3090 Lundy Lane – Expressed his appreciation of the efforts. Asked questions regarding how view from their homes would be impacted, hours of operation, any change in privacy, how the lighting will affect the nearby home and what the plans with regard to trees.

The view will like remain similar to current, the netting would be visible in the distance. The hours of operations are anticipated to be until approximately 9 pm and the lighting would be utilized during the evening hours as needed. The lights that are being used would be faced away from the homes,

toward the course and would be of a type that would have limited spillover. With regard to trees, the City currently has 112 trees in its nursery that are native species and they should be ready for transplant in 3-4 years and would be approximately 12-15 feet tall at the time of transplant. The golf course has a tree management program that removes trees that are at the end of their lifespan and replace with native species. Setback and spacing of these trees would be determined by the species which are ultimately selected.

Larry at 2900 Lundy expressed questions regarding lighting and the setting of hours. The lighting would have be utilized as stated above and there would be set hours for the course. Additionally, he questions whether there would be fescue in place between the homes and the fairway. The plan is for approximately 30 feet of fescue, a portion of mowed rough then the bunker to provide a buffer between the homeowners and the course.

Any Written Correspondence -- None

Close the Public Hearing

On Motion by Commissioner Wilger, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Wells to approve Resolution #06-18 approving Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract for the Renovations at Palmer Hills Golf Course to Include Tee #1, Entrance, Parking Lot Areas, Driving Range and Hole #14.

WHEREAS, plans, specifications, and form of contract are on file in the office of the Parks and Recreation Director for the Renovations at Palmer Hills Golf Course.

WHEREAS, notice of hearing on the plans, specifications, and form of contract was published on February 1, 2018 as required by law, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the plans, specifications, and form of contract was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1609 State Street, Bettendorf, Iowa, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on the 14th day of February, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BETTENDORF, IOWA, that the plans, specifications, and form of contract be approved and adopted as the plans, specifications, and form of contract for said construction.

Ayes: Carroll, Dryg, Makoben, Wells and Wilger

Nays: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

On Motion by Commissioner Carroll, seconded by Commissioner Dryg to approve the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Carroll, Dryg, Makoben, Wells and Wilger

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

1. Commissioner Dryg – None
2. Vice-Chairperson Wells – Please continue to enjoy the skiing and have a good time.
3. Commissioner Carroll – Continue to encourage everyone to become involved in the process as we look at changes to the changes to our 3 facilities.
4. Commissioner Wilger – Invite all citizens to continue to come out and recreate this winter with ice skating, cross-country skiing, bike paths, etc.
5. Chairperson Makoben – None

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Chairperson Makoben to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

CHAIRPERSON: _____ ATTEST: _____

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