

**MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Bettendorf Park Board held a Committee of the Whole on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

Present:                   Chairperson – Larry Makoben  
                              Vice-Chairperson – Don Wells  
                              Commissioner – Tim Carroll  
                              Commissioner – Tom Dryg (arrived 4:03)  
                              Commissioner – Steve Wilger

**STAFF OPERATIONAL UPDATES**

All divisions/areas were reported on through official Board Reports given to the Park Board. Any comments or questions are listed below:

1. Parks Maintenance report – Jason Manful reported the tree pruning they have been working on has really improved the looks of our parks. They have also been busy refurbishing some of the park furniture and garbage cans. He is happy with the winter progress. Brian Schmidt added that some monies were moved around from sales tax dollars and at the next meeting they will be asking for approval to build a 60 by 100 foot pole barn behind the existing parks maintenance facility to house mowers and other pieces of equipment. Commissioner Wilger inquired about the monitoring of the park restrooms that are open year round. He noticed that somebody is blocking the men's restroom near the lagoon from being locked at night. He asked if it could be locked earlier so the park patrol can verify that it is locked. Jason Manful said they would look into that because it is a safety issue. Decker Ploehn added that the park ambassadors don't work in the winter so the police dept will have to check the lock.
2. Golf Maintenance report – Brian Hickey added that we may want to prepare for an early spring. He feels if it stays warm through the last week of February the golf course may be able to open. Brian also added that they are moving forward on the new service building plans. At this point there are not funds for a classroom for the First Tee program in that building. That is something they hope to add later. Decker Ploehn mentioned that when that time comes, First Tee may help pay for, or raise funds to add that classroom. There may also be grants available at that time. Brian mentioned that for the putting course to be successful they felt it was necessary to create a place for people to hang out. They plan on serving drinks and limited food on the patio which is included in the plans for the new building. There will be a more social aspect to that building.
3. Recreation report – Larry Makoben thanked the Friends of Bettendorf Parks Foundation for their donation.
4. Tennis Report – Larry Makoben added that Dan Patrick seems to be getting more people involved in tennis lessons.
5. LFC/BCC report- Liz Solis-Willis added that the number of guests that go through the door at the Life Fitness Center is already over 18,000, which is up by over 2,000, compared to last year.

**INTERIM DIRECTOR'S OPERATIONAL UPDATES**

Liz Solis-Willis added that she met with BPV baseball and their affiliation status and contract is on the agenda for review and approval. She also met with Dan Patrick and some fee increases for tennis lessons are also on the agenda. Liz said the Winter Carnival was February 1<sup>st</sup> and between the family museum, library and Life Fitness center they had just over 2,300 visitors, which is up from last year.

**UPDATE ON THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES STUDY**

Decker Ploehn added that if the resolution for the approval of the special city election is endorsed by the park board it will then move on to the City Council in two weeks. The plan is to include it in the September election.

On Motion by Commissioner Wilger, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Wells to approve the special city election

*RESOLUTION #05-20*

*RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL CITY ELECTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR A GENERAL CORPORATE PURPOSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING NEW MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES*

*WHEREAS, the Bettendorf Park Board deems it to be desirable and in the best interest of the City of Bettendorf to request that the Bettendorf City Council submit a proposal to the electors relating to the issuance of certain bonds.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BETTENDORF, IOWA as follows: The Bettendorf City Council is hereby requested to call a special city election at a date and in an amount approved by the City Council for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City of Bettendorf the question of whether bonds for a general corporate purpose shall be issued for the purpose of constructing new multi-purpose recreational facilities.*

*PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.*

Ayes: Carroll, Dryg, Makoben, Wells, Wilger

Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS**

On Motion by Commissioner Carroll, seconded by Commissioner Dryg to approve the fee increase for summer tennis lessons

*RESOLUTION #06-20*

*RESOLUTION APPROVING FEE INCREASE TO SUMMER TENNIS LESSONS*

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BETTENDORF, IOWA: To approve staff recommended fee changes, highlighted in yellow, to the following summer tennis lessons and camps effective February 12, 2020:*

<b><u>Tennis Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Current Rate</u></b>	<b><u>New Rate</u></b>
<i>Beginner/Intermediate (5-7yrs) Lessons</i>	<i>\$48.00</i>	<i>\$54.00</i>
<i>Beginner/Intermediate (8-10yrs) Lessons</i>	<i>\$54.00</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>
<i>Beginner/Intermediate (11-12yrs) Lessons</i>	<i>\$54.00</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>
<i>Beginner/Intermediate (13-18yrs) Lessons</i>	<i>\$59.00</i>	<i>\$65.00</i>
<i>Advanced (12+yrs)</i>	<i>\$59.00</i>	<i>\$65.00</i>
<i>Tennis Tots/Early Junior Development Camp</i>	<i>\$80.00</i>	<i>\$90.00</i>
<i>Intermediate/Advanced Junior Camp</i>	<i>\$185.00</i>	<i>\$195.00</i>

*PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.*

Ayes: Carroll, Dryg, Makoben, Wells, Wilger

Nays: None

On Motion by Commissioner Wilger, seconded by Commissioner Dryg to approve the affiliation status to Bettendorf/PV Youth Baseball

*RESOLUTION #07-20*

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AFFILIATED STATUS*

*WHEREAS, the activities of the Bettendorf/PV Youth Baseball Organization are beneficial to the Community of Bettendorf, and  
WHEREAS, the above organization works in cooperation with the City staff to review proposed activities, and  
WHEREAS, the City Council and Park Board wish to support the activities of this organization through marketing and support,*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE BETTENDORF, IOWA, that affiliated status be granted to the Bettendorf/PV Youth Baseball Organization effective from this date, for a one-year period.*

*PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.*

Ayes: Carroll, Dryg, Makoben, Wells, Wilger

Nays: None

On Motion by Vice-Chairperson Wells, seconded by Commissioner Wilger to approve the One-Year Lease with Bettendorf/PV Youth Baseball for the use of various city owned ballfields

*RESOLUTION #08-20  
RESOLUTION APPROVING LEASE WITH BETTENDORF/PV YOUTH BASEBALL ORGANIZATION  
FOR USE OF VARIOUS CITY-OWNED BALLFIELDS*

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BETTENDORF, IOWA: To approve the attached one-year lease with Bettendorf/PV Youth Baseball Organization for the use of various city-owned ballfields, a concession stand, and a storage shed as outlined in the details of the lease for the period of March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.*

*PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.*

Ayes: Carroll, Dryg, Makoben, Wells, Wilger

Nays: None

**Healthy Hometown Initiative** – Decker Ploehn, Liz Solis-Willis, Larry Makoben and Bettendorf’s mayor Robert Gallagher met with representatives from Wellmark. Wellmark has a healthy hometown initiative and several cities are currently enrolled. After the meeting, Decker and the others felt it would be a good fit for our city and presented some information for the Park Board to research the initiative. Wellmark feels Bettendorf would be a good candidate for this initiative given all the things we have going on in our community. Decker added that if it is determined to be a part of this initiative, we will need to form a community committee that will work with Wellmark. That committee would examine the practices in our town and determine what would help us achieve that distinction. Decker recommended those on the board do some research on healthy home towns by doing a google search with Wellmark healthy home towns Iowa. That research will show you what they are doing in other places. Cedar Rapids and Clinton are already participating. Decker feels this initiative would be advantageous and engaging for our community. Larry Makoben added that he would like to see us align this initiative with one of the health systems. Decker added that several people in the community would be aligned with the initiative and he strongly feels representatives from the two health systems would participate. He also mentioned that this is a long term initiative because this is something that you’d want to continue with as a lifestyle. Decker added that the only cost to us would be the time we put into it. He feels the parks and rec staff and people from the YMCA and TBK would likely be involved. With getting so many people involved we could mutually undertake many activities. Tom Dryg added that he doesn’t see any potential downfalls in doing such a movement and he is in support of it because he feels it could only enhance our community. Decker said the next step is to bring Jim, from Wellmark, back for a presentation of some form to learn the next steps to proceed. This initiative is thought to fit in well with the referendum we are in considering for September.

**ADJOURN**

**Motion was made by Chairperson – Larry Makoben to adjourn the meeting at 4:29 pm.**

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

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**MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> 2020, 5:00pm**

The Bettendorf Park Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 12th, 5:00 pm.

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

Absent:

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Ayes: Carroll, Dryg, Makoben, Wells, Wilger

Nays: None

**COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

1. Commissioner Carroll – Palmer Grill has moved to their winter hours. Hours are now Monday through Friday 10AM to 3PM, Saturday 8AM to 4PM, and Sunday hours will vary depending on cross country skiing. While Frozen Landing is open Palmer Grill has great deals on kids' meals. They are only \$2.50 per meal.
2. Commissioner Dryg – Frozen landing is still open and will continue as long as the weather cooperates. Stop by because it is fun for all ages and abilities. Admission is \$1.00 and skate rentals are available for \$2.00. Follow us on Facebook. Look up the hours of operation on the Bettendorf Parks and Recreation website and Facebook page.
3. Commissioner Wilger – Palmer Grill will be offering a very delicious fish fry on Friday nights from February through April 10<sup>th</sup>. Come and enjoy a great fish dinner. Palmer Golf course has cross country skiing if there is at least four inches of snow on the ground. A minimum of four inches is needed to get the groomer out to groom the trails. If there is enough snow, the hours for skiing are Monday through Friday 9AM to 4PM, Saturday 10AM to 4PM, and Sunday 11AM to 4PM. He wished everyone a wonderful St Patrick's Day.
4. Vice-Chairperson Wells – Register now for various youth and adult programs and classes, including spring soccer, junior chefs cooking, babysitting for success, cheerleading, tennis, fitness, kayaking, balloon twisting, swimming, volleyball, pickleball and more. Register at [www.bettendorf.org/register](http://www.bettendorf.org/register)
5. Chairperson Makoben - There is a youth pickleball challenge. A tournament for ages 10 to 16 will be held at the Life Fitness Center on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. Registrants must have a basic understanding of the game of pickleball. Teams and brackets will be formed and based on both age and skill level. The program will be entirely run by volunteers from the Quad City Pickleball Club. Registrants will receive T-shirts and medals. Registration is now open at [www.bettendorf.org/register](http://www.bettendorf.org/register). Also watch for the Spring/Summer brochure to be out by March 9<sup>th</sup>. Check out our Facebook, Instagram and our website [www.bettendorf.org/parks](http://www.bettendorf.org/parks).

**ADJOURN**

**Motion was made by Chairperson Makoben to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 pm.**

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

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