

**MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday March 10th, 2020**

The Bettendorf Park Board held a Committee of the Whole on March 10th, 2020 at 3:59 pm.

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

Absent: Commissioner – Tom Dryg

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 Manfull reported that some of the waterless restrooms in the parks have been opened. Staff has also been getting some of the accessories like trash cans, benches and picnic tables in place, along with inspecting some of the netting. Meier Park and some of the other ball fields will be getting aerification in the next couple of days, weather permitting. With over 1,500 trees trimmed, tree trimming is complete. Jason added that with the exception of a few very large trees, the parks staff performed all of the trimming and removal themselves, doing an exceptional job. Steve Wilger added that there is still one dead tree in Middle Park on the far side of the upper pond, in the disc golf course area, that the parks staff may want to inspect. Jason knows that there are some large trees in that area that they will need a contractor to remove. He believes those larger trees will be taken care of soon. Steve also mentioned the issues with vandals at the Middle Park Lagoon restroom. Jason said that most recently somebody turned on the water faucet in that restroom and it ran overnight. They have noticed that most issues happen on Wednesdays and it may have something to do with schools having early out that day of the week. Park staff has started locking that restroom earlier on Wednesdays and it seems to be helping. Larry Makoben asked when the tree planting with the Trees Are Us Committee is scheduled. Jason said there is a meeting with that committee on Wednesday, March 11th and he believes the planting is going to happen in late April.
2. Golf Maintenance report – Brian Hickey reported that they were able to open the driving range on March 1st and the golf course as a whole was opened Saturday, March 7th. Many came out to the course. Brian just measured soil temperatures. He reported temperatures were at approximately fifty five degrees at two inches depth. Therefore things should start greening up. He also mentioned that his staff did a great job getting the golf course ready for the season. Larry Makoben asked about the construction start date for the putting course. Brian has been in communication with the contractor, Landscapes Unlimited. Early April is when equipment will get delivered for that project. Brian added that a lot of the prep work for that project was done last fall. He was happy to report that during that prep they were able to remove and salvage over sixty sprinkler heads. Now they have extra sprinkler heads to replace any broken sprinkler heads as needed. Those sprinkler heads are valued at over \$200 per head.
3. Golf Course report – Steve Wilger mentioned that Jon Waddell said that there were over 325 rounds played this last weekend.
4. Palmer Grill report – Steve Wilger commented that Michelle is doing a fabulous job and he is looking forward to the new menu. He also mentioned that there is some Palmer Hills maple syrup that will be served with their pancakes. Larry Makoben was at Palmer Grill for their Lenten special and the food was delicious.
5. Recreation report – Liz Solis-Willis added that the winter activities are slowing down. Registration for the spring activities has begun and those activities will start the first couple weeks of April. Larry Makoben is impressed with the attendance of the new programs.

6. Tennis Report – Larry Makoben inquired about pickleball. Liz Solis-Willis added that when there is a special event put on by the pickleball players, fifty to one hundred LFC members and non-members participate. The Life Fitness is also offering pickleball lessons for kids and adults and there are talks of a pickleball league in the future.
7. LFC/BCC report- Steve Wilger asked about the interest in the self defense class. Liz added that there is usually a wait list. Nathan is working to get more classes on the calendar because once a class is full there are many phone calls inquiring about the next class. The cooking and babysitting classes have been very popular as well. At times another class can be created with the number of people on the waiting list.

INTERIM DIRECTOR'S OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Liz Solis-Willis reported that the new Spring/Summer brochure is out and available on line and registration starts March 23rd. Larry Makoben asked about the jump in revenue for Frozen Landing. Liz said she feels it is due to the \$1 dollar admission added this year. They were also able to get internet at Frozen Landing, so they were able to take debit and credit cards.

UPDATE ON THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES STUDY

Liz said on March 31st they will be hosting a meeting with staff and the steering committee regarding the recreational facilities study. The consultant that they are working with on the September referendum will also be attending that meeting. In addition, they are planning a meeting later that evening with the members of the community that are going to help with the referendum efforts. Liz will provide updates after those meetings.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Chairperson – Larry Makoben to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 pm.

CHAIRPERSON: _____ ATTEST: _____

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**MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday March 11th 2020, 5:00pm**

The Bettendorf Park Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 11th, 5:00 pm.

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

Absent: Commissioner – Tom Dryg

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ayes: Carroll, Makoben, Wells, Wilger

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

1. Commissioner Carroll – Please be on the lookout for our new 2020 Bettendorf Spring/Summer catalog. It is available throughout the community. You can pick up a copy at city hall, the Community Center, or the Life Fitness Center. You can also access that information on our website www.bettendorf.org/parks. Registration for spring and summer parks and recreation programs starts on March 23rd. You can register online at www.bettendorf.org/register.
2. Commissioner Wilger – Splash Landing season passes and coupon sheets go on sale May 1st. You can start registering and signing up for private rentals for Splash Landing as early as the first week of April. Palmer Hills golf course is now open. If the weather is questionable, please call ahead or check our Facebook page or website. St. Patrick’s Day is coming up. Enjoy St. Patrick’s Day and our parks.
3. Vice-Chairperson Wells – Join us next Tuesday for our pickleball St. Patrick’s Day celebration at the Life Fitness Center. We are currently accepting applications for the spring and summer positions. Visit www.bettendorf.org and click on “most requested” and at the top you will see “job postings”. Parks and Recreation is now hiring at Splash Landing, Palmer Hills, and in all summer recreation programs. We are also currently looking for a number of officials and referees for our various youth and adult softball and soccer programs. If you have questions contact the Bettendorf Parks and Recreation department. Thanks to everyone who visited Frozen Landing this season. We had record attendance numbers. Thanks for your support and we will see you next season! Opening day for Splash Landing will be Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th.
4. Chairperson Makoben – Palmer Grill is offering some delicious Friday night fish specials every Friday through the first week of April. Registration is open for one more week for our fun Cheerleading clinic. The first session begins Saturday March 21st. Like us and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. The address for each is @bettendorfparksandrec

ADJOURN

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

CHAIRPERSON: _____ ATTEST: _____

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