

**MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday May 12th, 2020**

The Bettendorf Park Board held a Committee of the Whole on May 12th, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Chairperson – Larry Makoben
 Vice-Chairperson – Don Wells
 Commissioner – Tim Carroll
 Commissioner – Tom Dryg (arrived at 4:30pm)
 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 Manfull reported that the docks are in at Leach Park and Eagles Landing. The maintenance shed that is being built behind the public works building is half complete. He also reported that the wiring for the dog parking lighting was run. His department is working on a plan that will allow them to get all parks mowed in a day and half to two days. Jason feels such a plan will help them keep up with the mowing even if there is a long period of rain.
2. Golf Maintenance report –. Brian Hickey reported that the front nine opened today. Landscapes Unlimited is continuing work on the putting course.
3. Golf Course report – Larry Makoben commented that the number of rounds reported by Jon Waddell looks good. Liz Solis-Willis added that Jon and his staff are doing excellent work with the social distancing regulations.
4. LFC report – Liz Solis-Willis added that the staff at the Life Fitness Center has been working very hard cleaning and freshening up the facility. It will be in great shape when it can open.
5. Recreation report – Larry Makoben received some calls about the May Day bags. He said they were a big hit with residents. Liz Solis-Willis added that Meredith and Isaac have been very creative during this pandemic. They have done several things on social media and on the parks' trails to keep the community involved.

INTERIM DIRECTOR'S OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Liz Solis-Willis added that there are approvals for the Davenport Valley Archers lease and the Bettendorf Park Band foundation coming up. Normally the Bettendorf Park Band would be starting their concerts the first Friday in June. There is some uncertainty about guidelines and protocols that will need to be enforced regarding those concerts. Liz is hoping to get a better understanding of those guidelines in the next weeks. Tim Carroll asked about when the baseball fields can be utilized. Liz said the governor stated that she would make a decision regarding organized summer sports on or before June 1st. Until the governor makes a decision we are bound by the limited numbers that can gather and social distancing. Larry Makoben asked about the registrations for Learn to Swim. Liz said that they are right on track with last year as far as registrations. She has been having discussions with other parks and recreation departments in the state about how programs can be opened up safely once the governor makes a decision.

UPDATE ON THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES STUDY

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

On Motion by Commissioner Wilger, seconded by Commissioner Carroll to approve the Davenport Valley Archers lease of the Bettendorf Archery range

RESOLUTION #10-20

RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE-YEAR LEASE

WITH THE DAVENPORT VALLEY ARCHERS

TO UTILIZE THE BETTENDORF ARCHERY RANGE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BETTENDORF, IOWA:

To approve a 1-year lease with the Davenport Valley Archers to utilize the Bettendorf Archery Range for a monthly rental fee of \$150.00 as per the attached lease effective October 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. Payment is due September 1st.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 12th day of May 2020.

Ayes: Carroll, Makoben, Wells, Wilger

Nays: None

On Motion by Vice-Chairperson Wells, seconded by Commissioner Carroll to approve the Bettendorf Park Band foundation to sell concessions at Veteran's Memorial park during their 2020 Friday night concert series.

RESOLUTION #11-20

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE

BETTENDORF PARK BAND FOUNDATION

TO CONTRACT WITH CONCESSION VENDORS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BETTENDORF, IOWA:

To approve the Bettendorf Park Band Foundation to contract with outside vendors for the purpose of selling concessions in Veterans Memorial Park during the 2020 Friday Night Summer Band Concert season, contingent upon State and/or CDC guidelines restricting permissions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 12th day of May 2020.

Ayes: Carroll, Makoben, Wells, Wilger

Nays: None

Larry Makoben added that it should be checked that any vendors used have insurance.

Decker spoke about all of the possibilities he and the city council will consider to amend the budget. They estimate that the city will be approximately 2 million dollars short in the 4th quarter. They plan to make up for that deficit by reducing all departments' budgets by a half of a million dollars in the fourth quarter. The money from the sale of credit union, which is roughly \$450,000.00, is going to be put into the mix as well. Almost all of the gaming reserves and some of the sales tax reserves will also be applied. They will also take a reduction in the general fund. Currently it is 27 percent and it will be brought to 24 percent, which is well within their guidelines. The guidelines are to have a fund balance between 20 and 25 percent. Those adjustments should account for the deficit in the fourth quarter. Decker feels

the real concern is for the next fiscal year. They feel the first quarter will be a lot like the fourth quarter. Decker said that they have no hotel/motel money, no gaming money and there won't be any revenues from the city's revenue sources with the exception of the golf course. And with social distancing the city will not see the same type of revenue as in the past. They are estimating being between four and six million dollars short the next fiscal year. With that deficit in mind they may have to draw the general fund down again and city council is going to have to recommend changes to some programs. The changes he mentioned were capital project postponement, reducing vehicle replacements, eliminate electronic equipment purchases, consider not hiring the replacement police officers, and if the city doesn't get the fire fighter grant there will be talk to the delay hiring those fire fighters. They will also eliminate almost all travel. They will also consider if it is financially feasible to open Splash Landing. Decker feels not opening Splash Landing is about a \$300,000.00 savings. They will probably delay \$200,000.00 of the library's purchases of material that is usually about \$400,000.00. They will determine if they can allow the library the rest of that money in January. The compressors needed for frozen landing will not be purchased at this time. Decker also feels that closing and selling the Life Fitness Center should be strongly considered. Decker said all of these changes will be considered by the city council in June for the July 1st budget. Decker said the council has not come to any conclusions yet; but decisions need to be made soon. He also mentioned that there is talk in congress to issue the cities a stimulus; but he has not heard much positive about that coming from DC, so he says the city should assume that is not available and decisions must be made soon. Decker doesn't see our revenues reaching what they have been in the past. With the fiscal year starting July 1st, he feels decisions need to be made quickly to make a difference.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Chairperson – Larry Makoben to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 pm.

CHAIRPERSON: _____ ATTEST: _____

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MINUTES OF THE BETTENDORF PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday May12th 2020, 4:35pm

The Bettendorf Park Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May12th, 4:35pm.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

COMMISSONER UPDATES

1. Commissioner Carroll – With better weather coming he encourages the residents of Bettendorf to get out and get some fresh air during this unique uncharted time in our city. Please be courteous of others while using our trails and bike paths. The boat ramps are in so try to get out on the water and have some fun.
2. Commissioner Dryg – Get out and use the trails while maintaining social distancing. Be courteous and be kind. We will get to the other side of the curve. The golf course is in great shape and open for play. Measures are being taken to make sure the golf carts are cleaned and social distancing is practiced. Adjustments have been made so the flag does not have to be touched. The Grill is open for takeout so you can still enjoy their good food. Stay safe and healthy.
3. Commissioner Wilger – He is encouraged by the number of families he has seen spending time together on our trails and in our parks. He urges people to continue to get out in the sunshine and fresh air. He appreciates the residents of Bettendorf staying off and out of the areas that are not to be used at this time due to the governor's orders.
4. Vice-Chairperson Wells – The Parks and Recreation Spring and Summer 2020 catalog is available online at www.bettendorf.org/parks. The availability of programming will be updated as decisions are made. Palmer Hills Golf Course is open. If the weather is questionable, call ahead or check their website or Facebook page. The completion of the construction should happen next week. May 19th or 20th is when all 18 holes may be open for play. Watch for updates.
5. Chairperson Makoben – Thanked everyone for their patience and understanding during these challenging times. Please be assured that we are planning and reviewing the steps daily as we begin to get back into our parks and recreation programming. Practicing the guidelines and keeping everyone healthy is important. We will continue to update our citizens as decisions are made on our parks and recreation outdoor activities and Splash Landing. Please keep up to date by liking our Facebook page and following us on Instagram. The address for Instagram is @bettparksandrec

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Chairperson Makoben to adjourn the meeting at 4:42pm.

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