



Grinnell PARKS AND RECREATIONS BOARD meeting
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
GRINNELL ATHLETIC & RECREATION CENTER

Minutes

ROLE CALL: Liz Queathem, Kama Small, Jean Reavis, Ralph Eyberg, Dave Popp and Kelly Rose.

Guests: Ann Buchmeier

APPROVE AGENDA: At 7:07pm Queathem motioned to approve the agenda and Reavis seconded the motion.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Reavis motioned that we approve the December 14, 2015 meeting minutes and Eyberg seconded it.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Master Parks Plan – priority of projects, fundraising opportunities, grant writing, goals for 2015-2016 fiscal year
 - **Central Park - Spriggs / Small / Molison** - Fundraising continues. RDG hosted a work session on Thursday, January 7 to discuss the stage area, gazebo and the historical aspect of the park.
 - **Parks and Cemetery Vegetation - Eyberg** –
 - **Dog Park - Queathem / Reavis / Walters / Eyberg / Molison** –nothing to report
 - **Bailey Park - Walters** – Nothing to report. Fundraising is ongoing with a grant application to Tony Hawk to be submitted soon.
2. Park Improvement Fund – initial goal has been reached. Projects are being completed
 - Aquatic Center Shed – DONE
 - West Merrill Ball Diamond Shed – DONE
 - Park Entrance Signs - DONE
 - Lions Park Parking Lot – DONE
 - Summer Street Natural Playscape – Done
 - Summer Street Recreational Trail – Done – working on finish up dirt work around trail
 - West Merrill Restroom Renovation – phase 1 DONE. Phase 2 will take place this fall/winter. Demo of restrooms will come first then Germans can begin to install fixtures.
 - Miller Park Playground Equipment – DONE
 - Arbor Lake South Side Trail – Schoons to finish up by adding more drainage and rock
 - Pet Drinking Fountain–West Merrill-DONE. Working on Arbor Lake location now
 - Bailey Park Shelter painting – DONE
 - Bailey Park renovation –Fundraising underway.
3. Merrill Park stone sign - This will be a spring project.
4. Memorial donations – Have wording in place for all future memorials to the Parks. Molison and Rose working on.
5. Land donation – Ed Sheer came back to Rose’s office on December 15th to let us know that the college does not want to tend to the grounds if the City of Grinnell took over the property. Rose and Popp will look into how much property is currently owned by the City of Grinnell that is already open land for natural plantings. Also need to look at what additional expenses and hours would be taken on if the property was acquired. Along with the stipulations that Sheer would also request for the property. Rose and Popp will present at February meeting and the board will decide if they are ready to vote on the land donation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bike work station – Imagine Grinnell would like to install two bike work stations where bike repairs can be made. One at Arbor Lake and one at the Grinnell Mutual Family Aquatic Center. Rose requested

additional information but none was returned before the meeting. Queathem will help us look into answering those questions and presenting at the February meeting.

2. Sidewalks to connect West Merrill and East Merrill Park – With the construction of Hwy 146 the year, now might be the time to run sidewalk on the North side of 11th Ave starting at the intersection of Hwy 146 and 11th Ave and run East to connect to the existing sidewalk by the East Shelter House and even run along Park Street in front of the side street parking all the way to the North property line of East Merrill Park. Rose and Popp discussed the project and that a few parking stalls will be removed at the West end of 11th Ave to accommodate the new bump outs for the sidewalks at the corners of 11th Ave and Hwy 146. Sidewalk along the South side 8th Ave at Bailey Park would allow the Aquatic Center and Bailey Park to connect. Rose and Popp will provide maps with the potential sidewalks at the next meeting to present to the board members.
3. Bike Racks – Imagine Grinnell has received money from Grinnell College for 3 bike racks to be installed. Rose stated that money will be put into the Park Improvement fund from Imagine Grinnell for the purchase of three bikes racks and the installation of them. One rack would be doing in at Summer Street Park, another one at the Community Garden at Miller Park and a third location yet to be determined. This will be a spring project.

NOTES:

INQUIRES: Guest Ann Buchmeier had some questions about Central Park and the current plans.

ADJOURN: Queathem made the motion at 8:12pm to adjourn the meeting and Eyberg seconded.

Parks and Recreation Director
Kelly M Johnson Rose