



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

Minutes

ROLL CALL: Jean Reavis, Shawn Walters, Ray Spriggs, Ralph Eyberg, Bill Molison, Liz Queathem, Jordan Allsup, Dave Popp and Kelly Rose.

APPROVE AGENDA: At 7:05pm Queathem motioned to approve the agenda and Spriggs seconded the motion. AYES: All. Motion carried.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Queathem motioned that we approve the March 14, 2016 meeting minutes and Eyberg seconded it. AYES: All. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Master Parks Plan – priority of projects, fundraising opportunities, grant writing, goals for 2015-2016 fiscal year
 - **Central Park - Spriggs / Small / Molison** – Bid information has been released. Bids are due April 28 with a bid opening meeting at 11am that day.
 - **Parks and Cemetery Vegetation - Eyberg** – vegetation has started to grow
 - **Dog Park - Queathem / Reavis / Walters / Eyberg / Molison** –nothing to report, meeting scheduled for later this week at PALS.
 - **Bailey Park - Walters** –presented drawings of a concrete and metal structure. Fundraising will really kick off after the Central Park construction begins.
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 – Imagine Grinnell had a work day on April 10
 - West Merrill Restroom Renovation – phase 1 DONE. Phase 2 work has begun.
 - Miller Park Playground Equipment – DONE
 - Arbor Lake South Side Trail – work to be completed this spring by S & H.
 - Pet Drinking Fountain–West Merrill-DONE. Working on Arbor Lake location now
 - Bailey Park Shelter painting – DONE
 - Bailey Park renovation –Fundraising underway.
3. Memorial donations – Updated wording was presented and Reavis motioned to accept the wording as written and Spriggs seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
4. Bike work station – Imagine Grinnell received funding to install two bike work stations. We would like to hear some testimonials from towns our size and similar trail set up and usage prior to accepting the donation of the work stations. Rose will work with Imagine Grinnell to get a little more insight and present at the May 9 meeting.
5. Sidewalks projects – With the construction of Hwy 146 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. Along with the stretch between Prince and Prairie on South side of 8th Ave. Waiting to hear on grant before we move forward with these projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – currently Walters is the Chair and Small is the Vice Chair. Molison motioned that Small move up to Chairperson, which is standard procedure, and Spriggs to become Vice Chairperson for one (1) year. Reavis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

NOTES:

INQUIRES:

- Spriggs and Queathem are up for reappointment for another three (3) year term. Both indicated they are interested in continuing to serve on the board.
- Spring and Summer Brochures are now available with all the Recreation Department's programming and Aquatic Center information. The Grinnell Mutual Family Aquatic Center is scheduled to open on Tuesday, May 31.
- The Recreation Department was awarded the Greater Poweshiek Grant of \$2,000 to repair the Merrill Park Stone sign. We were not granted any funds through the Grinnell College Mini Grant program.
- Imagine Grinnell had received grant money to install some bike racks in three (3) bike racks in our parks. We would like to use that money for installing new bike racks at Central Park and then use existing racks that we have sitting around at the other parks. Rose will follow up with Imagine Grinnell to see if this would be possible.

ADJOURN: Spriggs made the motion at 7:52pm to adjourn the meeting and Molison seconded. AYES: All. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director
Kelly M Johnson Rose