



Grinnell PARKS AND RECREATIONS BOARD meeting  
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.  
GRINNELL ATHLETIC & RECREATION CENTER

Minutes

ROLL CALL: Jean Reavis, Shawn Walters, Ralph Eyberg, Bill Molison, Dave Popp and Kelly Rose. Guests: Rich Dana and Chad Nath

APPROVE AGENDA: At 7:15pm Molison motioned to approve the agenda and Reavis seconded the motion.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Reavis motioned that we approve the April 11, 2016 meeting minutes as corrected and Molison 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** – Apparent low bid was Bushong Construction out of Montezuma. The City Council will be discussing accepting the bid at their May 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Popp will work on a list of trees that will need to be removed and the reason why. All Parks and Recreation board members will be invited to join Popp as he marks out the trees for removal. This will take place after the May 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting if the project is approved.
  - **Parks and Cemetery Vegetation - Eyberg** –
  - **Dog Park - Queathem / Reavis / Walters / Eyberg / Molison** –A meeting was held at PALS to discuss the possibility of locating the dog park on their property.
  - **Bailey Park - Walters** – working on getting the last of the bids in for the renovation
2. Park Improvement Fund – initial goal has been reached. Projects are being completed. There will be some funding left after we complete the following projects. We will need to decide what projects we want to work on next. As soon as the current projects are wrapped up we will look at our wish list. Popp presented a quote to re-do West Merrill shelter house roof and Dana suggested some support to finish off the water pump at Summer Street Park.
  - 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 – dirt and mulch work continue. Imagine Grinnell to have another work day to get mulch added to the bottom of the climbing wall.
  - West Merrill Restroom Renovation – phase 1 DONE. Phase 2 to be completed in the next week
  - Miller Park Playground Equipment – DONE
  - Arbor Lake South Side Trail – work to be completed this spring by S & F.
  - Pet Drinking Fountain–West Merrill-DONE. Working on Arbor Lake location now
  - Bailey Park Shelter painting – DONE
  - Bailey Park renovation –Fundraising underway
3. Bike work station – Imagine Grinnell received funding to install two bike work stations. Dana gathered more information from towns that have similar work stations to see how they hold up to vandalism. He also discussed with Craig Cooper, Bikes To You owner, about placing a work station in Central Park and he suggested to be closer to his store front for anyone to use free of charge. Dana would like to have the work stations powder coated green to match the park signage around town. He would also like to place weather proof holders for trail maps. It was motioned by Reavis to place one work station on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave extension and one in front of Bikes To You. It was seconded by Eyberg. Motion carried.

4. Sidewalks projects – With the construction of Hwy 146 now might be the time to run sidewalk on the North side of 11<sup>th</sup> Ave starting at the intersection of Hwy 146 and 11<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Waiting to hear on grant before we move forward with these projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Giving Garden Signs – Request to place metal sign at the Giving Gardens in Summer Street Park. Nath had an example of signage that is already at the other three giving gardens in town. He explained that the sign can be secured by cork screw stakes or in concrete to prevent someone from stealing the sign. Molison motioned to approve a white metal sign to be placed near the current park entrance sign of Summer Street Park. It was seconded by Reavis. Motioned carried.
2. Skate Park Committee – Walters had a meeting with Nicole Brua-Behrens, Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, and Dana to discuss fundraising for the Skate Park. It was suggested that a collaboration with Imagine Grinnell board members, Parks and Recreation board members and community members including young park users would be appropriate fundraising committee members. Dana would be the Fundraising Chairperson for this campaign. We will set our Parks and Recreation board members at the June meeting. Anyone interested in being a part of the committee should contact Walters or Rose.

NOTES:

INQUIRES:

- Imagine Grinnell had received grant money to install some bike racks in three (3) parks. We have received permission to use that money towards the new bike racks inside Central Park and we will use bike racks we have on hand currently to install at Miller Park, Summer St Park and another park yet to be determined.
- Grant money has been received for the West Merrill Stone Sign re-do. Still looking for another quote for the project and also some mosaic lettering. A few names were mentioned that Rose will follow up with to see if they are able to do the work or know of anyone that can. .

ADJOURN: Eyberg made the motion at 8:20pm to adjourn the meeting and Molison seconded.

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Parks and Recreation Director  
Kelly M Johnson Rose