



Grinnell PARKS AND RECREATIONS BOARD meeting
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
SUMMER ST PARK SHELTER

Minutes

ROLL CALL: Jean Reavis, Liz Queathem, Shawn Walters, Ralph Eyberg, Bill Molison, Dave Popp and Kelly Rose. Guest Ron Davis.

APPROVE AGENDA: At 7:06pm Queathem motioned to approve the agenda and Molison seconded the motion.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Eyberg motioned that we approve the June 13, 2016 meeting minutes and Molison seconded it.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Master Parks Plan – priority of projects, fundraising opportunities, grant writing, goals for 2016-2017 fiscal year
 - **Central Park - Spriggs / Small / Molison** – Construction continues
 - **Parks and Cemetery Vegetation - Eyberg** – The bridge at the cemetery has been water blasted and repainted. A plaque that was on the bridge will be redone. Last fall broad leaf was sprayed and the grass is looking a lot better. Popp said that he has met with City Council and they walked around the cemetery. He is discussing possibly changing the hours of the cemetery from dawn to dusk to help prevent vandalism. Popp would also like to start enforcing the clean-up policy that is in place. He would like to post signs about when cleans ups will done throughout the year to remove anything not attached to the headstones to help keep the cemetery looking nice. There is a possibility of expanding the cemetery to the West.. There is also talk of a “Scatter Garden” where cremation ashes can be scattered instead of buying a plot. Popp will keep the Parks and Recreation Board updated as these items are addressed.
 - **Dog Park - Queathem / Reavis / Walters / Eyberg / Molison** –Reavis presented a drawing and laid out possible plans for the Dog Park location at PALS. The committee needs to come up with a timeline of events such as fundraising, cost analysis and what grants they would like to apply for. They will then present their plan to the Parks and Recreation Board for approval to move forward with their plans.
 - **Bailey Park - Walters** – Ramp build went well and had increased usage at the park. The ramps were moved to Ahrens Park for the 4th of July celebration to help spread the word a new park in going to be built. The contract agreement between Greater Poweshiek Foundation and City of Grinnell has not been passed on to council for approval.
2. Park Improvement Fund –
 - Aquatic Center Shed – DONE
 - West Merrill Ball Diamond Shed – DONE
 - Park Entrance Signs - DONE
 - Lions Park Parking Lot – DONE
 - Summer Street Natural Playscape – DONE (mulch will be moved by Imagine Grinnell and final grading and seeding will be done by the City)
 - Summer Street Recreational Trail – DONE
 - West Merrill Restroom Renovation – DONE
 - Miller Park Playground Equipment – DONE
 - Arbor Lake South Side Trail – Jason Hall to complete work
 - Pet Drinking Fountain–West Merrill-DONE. Working on Arbor Lake location now. If was motioned by Reavis to only wait on Germans until the end of the July to complete the project

before we seek out another contractor to complete the project. Eyeberg seconded and motioned carried. Popp will contact German's Plumbing to let them know of the deadline.

- Bailey Park Shelter painting – DONE
 - West Merrill Stone Sign – Molison has received two quotes. He is still waiting to hear from one more so we can look at three quotes. If he does not receive by the end of July we will decide between the two quotes and begin work as soon as we can. Molison will make contact with the third party and them know they have until the end of July to get their quote to him to consider them in our decision.
3. 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. West Merrill Ball Park Scoreboard – Ron Davis presented a drawing of the scoreboard that the American Legion would like to work on to have at the West Merrill Park ball diamond. They would like to have it located down the 3rd base line just East of the dugout. This is the original location of the scoreboard that was there for many years. It was motioned by Queathem to table until the next meeting so a few questions could be answered such as projected use of the ball diamond and location request. It was seconded by Eyberg and motion carried.

NOTES:

INQUIRES:

ADJOURN: Queathem made the motion at 7:54pm to adjourn the meeting and Molison seconded.

Parks and Recreation Director
Kelly M Johnson Rose