



Grinnell PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD meeting
MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
Grinnell Athletic and Recreation Center

Tentative agenda

ROLL CALL: Russ Crawford, Lauren Gant, Ralph Eyberg, Lisa Lindley, Carl Eggermont and Jordan Allsup.
Absent: Whitney Jensen, Sabrina Edsen, and Ben Coopridier.
Guests: Robert Corry, Sasha Corry, Vladimir Varinek

APPROVE AGENDA: At 6:07pm Lindley made the motion to approve agenda, second by Gant to approve the agenda. AYES: All. Motion carried.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Lindley made the motion, second by Eyberg, to approve July 10th, 2023, meeting minutes. AYES: All. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Master Parks Plan – priority of projects, fundraising opportunities, grant writing, goals for 2023-2024 fiscal year
 - Parks and Cemetery Vegetation – Eyberg- Allsup reported they are seeking estimates to clear tall vegetation around the shoreline of Arbor Lake and pinpointed areas at Lake Nyanza. No action necessary.
 - Bailey Park– Crawford/Jensen- Allsup reported on insurance finding on all shelters in the city parks. Will investigate different options to replace shelter at Bailey Park than what has previously been considered. No action necessary.
 - Arbor Lake/Lake Nyanza- Allsup- Allsup reported that the city and the Iowa DNR Lake Restoration program has entered a cooperative agreement on a full-scale feasibility study on the two lakes. The city will be contracting Houston Engineering, Inc. formerly FYRA Engineering who did the water quality and depth testing for the city. No action necessary.
 - Playgrounds- Lindley/Edsen- Crawford updated the board on the fund-raising efforts for the Central Park All-Inclusive Playground as it is close to reaching the targeted goal. There is optimism to have the project break ground in the spring of 2024. No action necessary.
 - Parks Capital Improvements- The board discussed many improvement ideas for the city parks for prioritization which included updates to the master parks plan, upgrading planter beds at Central Park, replacing Bailey Park shelter, and finding a solution for the basketball court at Van Horn Park. No action necessary.
2. Recreation- Allsup reported the fall/winter program guide is set to release this week and numbers for youth soccer and flag football with a total of 350 registrants. No action necessary.
3. Aquatics- Allsup reported that the Aquatic Center season went very well in 2023 with numbers right around 25,000 attendees over the course of the season. Children’s playset will be disassembled when the pool is drained and then refurbished ahead of next season. No action necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for Memorial Bench- Lindley made the motion to approve a memorial bench at Miller Park in memory of Maria Corry. Second by Gant. AYES: all. Motion carried.
2. Request for Memorial Trees- Gant made the motion to approve the planting of two memorial trees at Central Park, one for Doug Caulkins and one for George Drake, and to be planted near playground extension after the project is complete. Second by Lindley. AYES:3-1. Motion carried.

NOTES:

INQUIRES:

ADJOURN: Lindley made the motion at 7:16pm to adjourn the meeting, second by Gant. AYES: All. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director

Jordan Allsup