

Park and Recreation Board

MINUTES

Recreation Office
Mason City, IA

3-11-2025
6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

Present Board Members: Fabian, Hansen, Lala, Levenhagen

Absent Board Member: Adams

Staff present: Burnett, Collins, Hunt, Sberal, Pauly, and Westendorf

Public Forum

Jay Pedelty shared that the Georgia Hanford native prairie is ready to burn. Last year they used a large water truck and used 450 gallons of water. Like last year, wind is critical for choosing the correct date to burn. There were wonderful results last year. Jay has also started removing the invasive species from the Birch Drive trail. This spring Jay is starting from the south side. Also, Jay mentioned that there are two oak trees down near 11th St. NE on the FEMA land. Fabian shared that that area is not park land therefore is not under the Park Board jurisdiction. Levenhagen thanked Jay for his continued volunteerism.

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Correspondence: Levenhagen was contacted with concerns about branches in the MacNider Campground. Pauly will check into the concerns. Westendorf shared that the tree crew have been working on the East side of the campground.

Fabian shared that it is fabulous to see people using the new trails and she is excited to see the completion of the connection on Illinois Ave.

Hansen shared that the John Adams Middle School students have been working with the recreation department to update and look and design of the concession stand at Fredrick Hanford adult softball complex.

Special Orders None

Consent

Agenda

Minutes: Levenhagen moved to approve the minutes dated February 11, 2025. Lala seconded the motion. All voted yea. (Fabian, Hansen, Lala, Levenhagen).

Facility Requests:

The board reviewed the facility request for The Diversity Luncheon by Central Park by Main Street Mason City. Bill Orozco was present at the meeting and was able to answer the board's questions regarding the facility request. Levenhagen shared that this has been a good event in the past. Hansen asked how many years he has organized the event. Orozco said approximately 20 years. Fabian asked how many booths are set up for the event. Orozco shared there were 10 last year and the number should be similar this year. Fabian moved to approve the facility request. Hansen seconded the motion. All voted yea. (Fabian, Hansen, Lala, Levenhagen).

The board reviewed the facility request for Friday Night Live in Central Park by Main Street Mason City. Lala made a motion to approve the facility request. Hansen seconded the motion. All voted yea (Fabian, Hansen, Lala, Levenhagen).

Staff Reports Pauly shared his report with the board. He highlighted the following:

- The campground reservation system underwent a transition as its previous company was acquired by Let’s Camp, a Canada-based organization.
- The Highland Park Golf Course will open tomorrow for walking only.
- Overall youth spring soccer numbers are down but team numbers are up. Late registrations are still being accepted.
- Pauly has been working with Router 12 and this summer the Norris Youth Sports Complex and the Fredrick Hanford Adult Softball Complex will have the ability to accept credit and debit cards for payment at the concession stands.

Westendorf shared the park report with the board. He highlighted the following:

- The ice rink at Ray Rorick Park was able to be utilized this year for approximately 1 month. This is an improvement from last year.
- The parks department has been working at the campground on the family restroom floor that was peeling.

Action Items None

Future Action Items None

Adjournment Levenhagen made a motion to adjourn at 6:22pm. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

ATTEST:

Troy Levenhagen, Secretary

Melissa Fabian, Vice-Chair