

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting was held at the Veteran's Memorial Coliseum, 20 W State Street
Meeting: April 19, 2023

Members Present: Andrew Pool, Wynne Brothers, Jill Herink, Neil Dalal, Steve Storjohann,
Absent: Cindy Brodin, Laurel Degelau

Staff Present: Geoff Hubbard

Approval of Minutes

March minutes were review and recommended for approval by Dalal, seconded by Brothers.
Approved by all.

Parks Update

Bids will be going out soon for Peterson Park for a new 2-5 play structure, concrete work for a ½ size basketball court, 12x12 shelter and sidewalk to new play structure, and construction for a new 12x12 shelter. Staff will be ordering a basketball hoop and soccer goals along with a new park sign. Parks staff will also be putting in the mulch fall surfacing for the new structure and plastic timbers around all the play structures. Plans are to have this completed in late fall.

Staff met with McClure Engineering to design a scope and design for Kiwanis Park. The plan is to replace the basketball hoop, add a pickleball court, foot volleyball court, and full sized soccer field. If funds allow a new 12x12 shelter will be built otherwise the existing one with stay. Staff will be ordering the basketball hoops, soccer goals, volleyball net, and sign for the project. Plans are to have this completed in late fall.

Hubbard attended a Bike Summit two weeks ago and attended a session from the Iowa Tourism Board. Their website <https://traveliowa.com/> allows visitors to plan a trip anywhere in Iowa and shows all of the things to do in each community. In looking at their website there is minimal information on Marshalltown so we will be working with the Chamber to add our parks and trails to the map for people to see. In discussion with the presenter, Lora Friest, she was very interested in our Linn Creek Project and thought we could get some funding for our trailhead from the Scenic Byways Grants since we intersect the Lincoln Highway. Hubbard has a meeting with the DOT and Lincoln Highway Board on April 28 to show them our project and see if we could apply for that grant.

Recreation and Aquatics Update

We are taking registrations for all of our summer programs.

The aquatic center may open later than planned to allow for us to hold a lifeguarding class June 2-4 to get more lifeguards this summer. The high school offered a class during school but had no one sign up for it. So far we are getting few applications turned in from previous staff so need to look at ways to attract new lifeguards for this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11pm

Next meeting is at 4:15pm on May 17, 2023 in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.