

## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

**Meeting was held at the Veteran's Memorial Coliseum, 20 W State Street**

**Meeting: April 20, 2022**

Members Present: Steve Storjohann, Cindy Brodin, Matt Tullis, Andrew Pool, Wynne Brothers

Absent: Jeff Sogge, Laurel Degelau

Staff Present: Geoff Hubbard

### **Approval of Minutes**

There was no March meeting so no minutes to approve.

### **2022 Plans**

Master planning has begun on Riverview Park. The City Council will be approving bond issue projects for FY23 which has \$2,000,000 in it for Phase I of the Riverview Park Improvements project. If approved this would include earthwork to increase the amount of water the lagoons and park can hold for a 75 year flood, roughly 8 acres. It would also include improvements to the roads and possibly some other amenities. Conceptual drawings were shared.

Leigh Bauder attended the meeting and gave an update about Splash-4-Life giving money towards the splashpad project. They are going to fund the conceptual drawings of what the splashpad could look like and the Marshalltown Public Art Committee will be hiring 3 artists to come up with conceptual drawings of what the splash pad will look like. Those drawings will be used in a request for proposal for engineering/architect services to design the project.

We have received an Iowa Economic Development Authority grant for Public Facilities to be used at Elks Park in the amount of \$67,320 to be used for installation of new sidewalks, entrance sign, grading the center of the park, picnic tables and a grill. We will begin working on that project this summer.

The Veterans Courtyard project is on hold until spring to allow for warmer weather to install the pickleball court surfacing. The fence around the dumpsters and generator is complete.

Peterson Park is the next park to see improvements in FY23. We will likely hold a public engagement meeting at the park like we did at Elks to see what the neighbors would like to see for amenities and improvements with work beginning in spring of 2023.

Other projects that haven't been approved yet by Council but could get approved in March would include a Splash pad, Kiwanis Park Improvements, 6<sup>th</sup> St Trail connection, Trailhead Project, and West End Phase II.

### **Recreation and Aquatics Update**

The new men's basketball league at the Coliseum was a success with 16 teams participating in a 7 week season followed by a single elimination tournament.

We are taking registration for all summer programs, lessons and camps.

Trees Forever is planting about 80 trees this Saturday, April 23 from 10am-noon. Meet at the red barn in Riverview Park if interested.

We are hosting a local Special Olympics event at the high school on Saturday, April 23

We are hiring for all summer positions

Meeting adjourned at 4:48pm

Next meeting is at 4:15pm on May 18, 2022 at the Coliseum Conference Room, 20 W State Street.