

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting was held at the Veteran's Memorial Coliseum, 20 W State Street
Meeting: June 16, 2021

Members Present: Jeff Sogge, Steve Storjohann, Kim Barnes, Matt Tullis
Absent: Justin Strom, Andrew Pool, Cindy Brodin
Staff Present: Geoff Hubbard

Approval of Minutes

May minutes were reviewed and motioned by Barnes to approve, seconded by Tullis. All were in favor.

2021 Plans

Pillar Inc was awarded the contract for the construction of the Pickleball Pocket Park and began construction on June 16. Bids were received for the replacing 1.75 miles of the Linn Creek trail with concrete to Con-Struct for \$495,000. They will begin work in late August/early September. Also DENCO Highway crack sealed the remaining 5.5 miles of trail from Morris Park to Riverview Park on June 15. Con-Struct is resurfacing the entire 6th St Softball Complex parking lot and will be done by the end of June. Staff is working with some design and play features for Elks Park and will begin designing a plan for it later this summer. The project will include new 0-6 yr old play features, new basketball court, and leveling out the middle area of the park for a better play area.

Summer Programs and Aquatic Center Updates

Summer Blast started in the Coliseum on June 9 with 80-100 kids showing up each week. On June 14 Camp Marshalltown and Live Wires/Sparks camps started in the Coliseum as well with about 20 kids attending.

The pool didn't open Memorial Day weekend due to cold weather but opened for water walking on June 1 and then for open swimming on June 5-6 for open swimming. Then on June 9 they opened for open swimming once MHS classes ended and we could get staff to work during the day. We have struggled to find enough staff for the summer like many other communities and businesses in town. We don't have enough to cover all of the hours that we are open so have decided to cancel the July and August swim lessons and focus on covering the water walking and open swim times. This will keep staff from working 50-60 weeks in the hot temperatures all summer and getting burned out and quitting.

Naming Rights Issues

Cindy Soderberg has approached the City about naming the caboose at Mega-10 Park after her father, former Mayor of Marshalltown, Stan Brown. The City has a naming rights policy that requires the applicant to fill out information about the naming person first. For staff to review the information, get approval from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the City Council. Once approved the facility or park can be named.

Park Board members discussed it and felt that member of the UP Railroad should also be recognized in their efforts, along with some history of the Caboose, why it was placed in Mega-10 Park, and some history of the railroad and the importance it has on Marshalltown and the country while also naming the caboose after Stan Brown. Staff was directed to put together verbiage that explained all that and costs associated with the signage to be placed near the caboose. There is funding available in the Mega-10 fund for the sign.

Next meeting is at 4:15pm on June 16, 2021 at the Coliseum Conference Room, 20 W State Street.