

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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

Meeting: November 17, 2021

Members Present: Jeff Sogge, Matt Tullis, Andrew Pool (phone), Steve Storjohann, Kim Barnes, Cindy Brodin

Absent: Justin Strom

Staff Present: Geoff Hubbard

Approval of Minutes

Storjohann motioned to approve the October minutes, seconded by Sogge. All were in favor to approve.

2021 Plans

Bids were received for the replacing 1.75 miles of the Linn Creek trail with concrete to Construct for \$495,000. They began work in the middle of September and will be finished by the end of the year. All of the straight sections of trail are complete and they are working on the curves and connections to streets this month.

We have applied for an Iowa Economic Development Authority grant for Public Facilities to be used at Elks Park. We are asking for \$67,320 to be used for installation of new sidewalks, entrance sign, grading the center of the park, picnic tables and a grill. We should hear in December if we will receive the grant funding.

Feedback from the community engagement meetings and website for Riverview Park have been given to Bolton and Menk who will be working on the master plan for the park and should have some drawings and cost estimates by the end of the year.

61 Ash trees on the terrace have been put out to bid for removal. Bid are due December 1.

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 should be installed in December.

Coliseum Events

The Coliseum has been busy hosting many meetings and events including the forums for City Council and School Boards, a 2 week training for Police officers from around the state, the Holiday Stroll, and a couple of basketball tournaments.

Rental Building Policy Review

The Farmers Market would like to use the shelters in Riverview Park to hold markets during the winter months. Currently, our policy is to not allow rental of the buildings to be used to make money. Discussion occurred about allowing non-profit groups to hold events like the markets or fundraisers but not allowing private citizens to use them for garage sales or other for profit

events. Tullis motioned to allow non-profits to use shelter buildings for fundraisers or other events like the Farmer's Market. Barnes seconded. All were in favor.

New Board Members

The board is looking for 2 new members to take the place of Kim Barnes and Justin Strom. Preferences are going to women and veterans to balance out the board.

After the meeting ended Sogge asked if there was a No Smoking policy in the parks. Here is the policy -

Marshalltown has a "Tobacco-Free" park policy, which bans all tobacco products in City owned parks and green space. Persons using tobacco products must move off City owned property.

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