

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

### Meeting: August 16, 2017

**Members Present:** Jeffrey Sogge, Matt Tullis, Kim Barnes, Anel Garza

**Absent:** Tim Bell

**Staff Present:** Anne Selness, Brad Weuve

**Guests:** Sarah Jordan

Minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting were approved.

Board members discussed the consultant, Bolton and Menk, who is working on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Survey results are showing residents would like the Parks and Recreation Department to upgrade existing facilities, increase security and accessibility and upgrade the condition of facilities before developing new amenities. The survey, in both English and Spanish, is available on the City website until Sept. 1. The next open house for city residents to hear a summary of recommendations from Bolton and Menk is Sept. 21 from 4:30-6:30 in the coliseum. People will have the chance to meet the consultants and ask questions. A few key takeaway points from the National Recreation and Park Association metrics exercise that we did:

- Revenue per capita = \$24: National median = \$27
- Operating expenditures per capita \$59: National median = \$100  
Marshalltown spends far less on parks and rec than the national average
- Operating expenditures per acre of parkland = \$7,699: National median = \$11,064
- Revenue to expenditures = 40.5%: National median = 26.9%  
Although Marshalltown is recouping more than the norm, that is only possible due to the decreased annual budget allotment for the department.
- FTE's per 10,000 population = 5.42: National median = 9.2
- Total number of FTE's = 14.92: National median = 25.8

#### 2017 Summer Season Park Update – Brad Weuve

Mega-10 650 staff hours, Riverview mowing 350, park trees 225, flowers and shrub 140, janitorial and trash pickup 80, aquatic center 85, miscellaneous park 120, playground equipment repairs 111. Other projects for park staff includes shingling shelters, painting sign legs, painting restrooms, general building repairs, working on levees, removing 70 trees per year from parks, shutting down the aquatic center, removing some fencing in parks, continue working with flower and shrub beds and working on fall trees forever. Weuve reports graffiti is down this year as compared to past years.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board will meet every other month to see if that will help better structure our meetings and to get everyone to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm. Next meeting is October 18 at 4:15 pm at Riverview Campground.