

Park and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting: Wednesday July 15, 2015

4:15 called to order

Members Present:

Present: Floyd Harthun, Jack Harkness, Jeffrey Sogge, Matt Tullis, Renee Mathews, Ruben Rodriguez, Terry Gray.

July meeting minutes:

1. Director's Report – Terry Gray- Live Healthy Iowa track meet had approx 500-600 kids in attendance in May. The participants were ages 9-14 and approx 35 communities were represented.

Park & Rec will have 2 staff retirements in 2015.

The Annual BBQ contest will take place at Riverview park on one day only, August 29th.

2. Tree Inventory – Terry shared information about the progress of the tree inventory. 8 community volunteers and 7 Park & Rec staff received the training and have begun the process of evaluating the number and health of trees on city terraces. Two Des Moines foresters from the DNR are also helping to complete the work. All participants are using GIS units to log the data collected. Future tree plantings on terraces should be approved by the city prior to planting them: this system is on your honor.

3. Aquatic Center hour changes for 2015. The aquatic center is open Mon-Thursday 1-6pm, Fri- Sat- Sun 1-5pm. Only a handful of people inquired about the change in hours. One person asked for a refund on their season ticket. Season pass sales were reviewed: handout.

4. Mosquito Spray at Riverview will be done July 14, 2015 by commercial sprayers. The grass in the park will be treated rather than an aerial fog.

5:15pm Meeting Adjourned