

## **Marshalltown Park and Recreation Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2014

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Marshalltown Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 4:22 p.m. on May 21, 2014, in the Basement Meeting Room by Jeff Sogge.

### **Present:**

Jack Harkness, Jeffrey Sogge, Cindy Stamp, Renee Mathews, Terry Gray

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

### **Director's Report – Terry Gray**

Iowa River Trail – Hardin County owns the trail now. City has not accepted deed until lease is satisfied. Asking city to be a financial lead to apply for grant that Marshall & Hardin can spend on the trail. 150000 grant to apply for...just for Marshall County.

Aquatic Center – is filled. No activity until June 1 when the schools attend. Lifeguard training before. The concession menu has changed slightly. Trying “healthier” food items. These items will be listed in red.

Emerald Ash Borer – On 06-23-14 will present to City Council. Infestation is a high concern. City maintains the terrace trees per state law. Approximately 270 trees are found in Marshalltown parks. More to come on this in the future.

### **Fees: Shelter house & campground**

City is looking into generating more revenue thru fees. City has 30 open air shelters, buildings with heat & air and restrooms to maintain. Looking into incorporating user fees and put this money into maintenance fund. Question is how much to charge extra. It is hard to compare with other cities because of the “likeness”. User fees have been established and used for improvements at the campground.

### **Special Events/Kids to Parks**

550 kids attended Kids to Parks this year. The event received good reviews. A complaint was the food line was long. JBS had problems with grill. 900 pork burgers were served. Gave out 500 back packs with a Dairy Queen coupon inside.

Question is if Park & Recreation are providing enough family orienting activities. After discussion as a committee, it is not up to the city to provide all the family activities.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m. The next general meeting will be at 4:15 p.m. on June 18, 2014.