

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting: November 15, 2017

Members Present: Matt Tullis, Kim Barnes, Anel Garza

Absent: Jeffrey Sogge, Tim Bell

Staff Present: Anne Selness, Jenni Hart

Guests:

Minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting were approved. Kim/Matt

Recreation Program Update – Jenni Hart

- We have scaled back programs two years ago and are focusing on quality vs. quantity.
- New programs this year include indoor tennis and indoor swimming at the AEA pool.
- Summer blast day care program increased to 85 this year.
- We are expanding Special Olympics for both youth and adults.
- Our swimming lesson program is expanding with year round lesson opportunities.
- Spring Healthy Iowa Track meet is expanding.
- We are hosting the Iowa Park and Recreation Association here on January 12.

Director's Report

- We spoke about the Iowa Great Places grant that Michelle Spohnheimer put together for the Veterans Memorial Coliseum. The grant request is \$475,000 with the city council agreeing to match this if the grant is awarded. This will be the first funding set aside for the Coliseum renovation. 2018 will be the fund raising year with construction slated for 2019-2020. GTG Consultants and their architectural proposal for the work, will be brought before City Council on Nov. 27. Steve Storjohann will look into the possibility of setting up golf fund raising events at all three golf courses in Marshalltown for 2018.
- The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is finished and will be approved at the Nov. 13 council meeting.
- Park staff have closed and winterized all buildings. They are working on sealing cracks on the Linn Creek recreational trail.
- Futsal courts have been completed except for the restroom and sidewalks which will be installed in the spring. Courts are already getting a lot of use.
- Coliseum is busy with rentals for soccer practices.
- Anne is working on grant reporting to wrap up all of our projects from this year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm. Next meeting is Dec. 20 at 4:15 pm in the City Hall Basement.