

Leisure Services Commission Minutes
Thursday, June 20, 2019 7:00pm
Civic Center Waverly Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carver, Johnson, Neuendorf, Pins, Solheim
MEMBERS ABSENT: Cashman, Winter
COUNCIL PRESENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Riordan, Troyna
VISITORS: None

SUMMARY OF FORMAL ACTION: Chairperson Solheim called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion: To approve March 21, 2019 minutes as presented.

05-19 Moved: Solheim Secoded: Neuendorf
Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2

Regular Business

1. Introduction of Garret Riordan, Leisure Services Director
Garret Riordan introduced himself and gave some background to the Commission.
2. Introduction of Jen Troyna, Leisure Services Office Manager
Jen Troyna introduced herself and gave some background to the Commission.

Director's Report:

- Tab Ray's last day was May 13th.
- Council passed a No Nicotine Policy in City parks at the April 15th Council Meeting. Signs will be posted as time allows.
- Council voted to allow golf carts to use the Rail Trail Bridge while Adams Parkway Bridge is under construction. Upon reopening, golf carts will not be allowed on the Rail Trail Bridge.
- The initial river use meeting was April 16th. There was a nice turn out of City staff, LS Commission members, and the public. Items were discussed as to how the River could be better utilized. A list of wants and needs was produced. Johnson commented that overall the meeting seemed to go well. He mentioned the Cedar River becoming a certified water trail. Riordan commented that this had been tried a few years ago, but there was lots of red tape. Carver mentioned how beautiful of a backdrop the river could make and wondered about budgeting for a river front planner.
- The pool opened on May 25. The first couple of weeks was a struggle with staff because school was still in session and their involvement in other activities.
- The Embrace event took place on May 11 in Kohlmann Park.
- Some City staff took part in a walking audit that was provided by Wellmark. The purpose of the walking audit was to make Waverly more walkable and bikeable. The approximately 2 mile path that the tour went on discussed bump outs, pocket parks, raised cross walks, etc. There will be a meeting on Aug. 6 to report the findings from Wellmark.
- Over 90 trees were planted on May 22 by City staff, middle schoolers, and volunteers as part of the Trees For Kids Grant.

- The grand opening of the Community Gardens was May 11.
- The Dog Park Walking path is under construction and should be completed later this week. The walking path was made possible by a donation from Brian and Janadene Harvey.
- There was a change order for the restoration of the Exchange Building in South Riverside Park. Upon excavation of the area under the scale it was discovered that there was a “pit” that had been filled in. There were 2 options on what to do with the pit. Remove the dirt, leave it empty and place the wood planks (that represent the scale) over it, or fill the pit and place the same wood planks over it.
- Art Walk – May 4
- Leisure Services is in the process of hiring a Vegetation Management Maintenance position. The position is being advertised and interviews will begin sometime in July.
- Champion’s Ridge Update – Riordan reported that City officials will be meeting with Fair Board members after the fair to find see if there is a plan on moving. The ball diamond part of Champion’s Ridge came to Council with 2 proposals for Champion’s Ridge that the Council was not interested in. Solheim wondered at what point does the City start looking at other options for ball diamonds.

Chairperson Report

No Report

Next Meeting:

Aug. 15, 2019

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Garret Riordan
Commission Secretary
Leisure Services Director