



Minutes
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Adel Parks Maintenance Shop
6:30pm, Monday, April 5, 2021

1. Attendance and recognition of guests

Members present: Kari Johns, Rich Miller, Jeremy Brancheau, Patricia Ehrenfried, Ryan Steinfeldt, Del Christensen, and Melissa Heikes

Staff present: Director of Parks and Recreation Nick Schenck
Aquatics/Recreation Supervisor Sadie Mudder

Guests present: Bob Ockerman, Adel City Council Liaison

2. Approval of minutes

Minutes approved for March 2021.

Motion by Johns; seconded by Ehrenfried.

Ayes-7, Nays-0

3. Citizens to address the Board

4. Director's Report

Recreation Update

A. Youth Baseball and Softball Update

Both programs are well underway with both leagues having practices and game schedules have been sent out. Schenck expects to have shirts and hats/visors out to the teams around the week of April 19th. Both leagues begin games the last week in April. Registration numbers are similar to last year's numbers. Baseball is up 11 players and Softball is down 2 players.

B. Seasonal Staff Recruitment

Offer letters have been sent to the Parks Staff of 6 individuals. Concession stand staff has been a challenge as most applicants are under 16 years old, which limits them to working only until 7pm. Sadie reported that lifeguard numbers are at the minimum number and that having some more would be ideal. Concession and front desk staff are plentiful.

C. Kiddie Kickers/Egg My Yard/Yard Games update

Schenck said that these 3 new recreation programs have been very successful in the response that has been received so far. Kiddie Kickers starts up Monday, April 12th and has 81 participants. Egg My Yard was successful as well. Nick and Sadie hid eggs in participants yards last week. Yard Games is a new Adult program that has 9 separate teams of 2 signed up. That league begins April 8th.

D. Final Program Reports: Over 30 basketball, Coed Volleyball, Egg My Yard, and Youth Basketball

The Board reviewed all 4 program reports. The only program that operated at a loss was Coed Volleyball as teams were down significantly most likely due to Covid.

E. Junior Golf Clinics

Sadie reported that the sign-up has been very good for the program, even without any advertising. Participants are seeing the program on the registration website. This program will be facilitated by River Valley Golf Course in the future due to their request to not enter into an agreement with the City of Adel.

F. Spring Hide and Seek

This is a new program that incorporates finding items in Evans Park. The program promotes community using the park, and May Day type baskets will be the prize.

Parks Department Update

A. Island Park Request for Proposals

Director Schenck reported that 2 proposals had been received from those interested in operating in a lease setting of Island Park Campground. Both proposals bring both pros and cons and it will not be an easy decision to make. The City Council will discuss and review proposals at the April 13th Council meeting.

B. Public Space Water Sources

The Parks Department will be turning on water sources to area parks on April 15th.

C. 40-acre planning. Survey and results

Director Schenck shared the results of the recent survey sent out to area residents. Over 1,000 surveys had been filled out. Schenck passed around the results thus far, and the board reviewed the data. Schenck expects to see the results in the coming days.

D. Pool preparations for 2021

Aquatics/Rec. Supervisor Mudder is in the interview process now for hiring both lifeguards and concession and front desk staff. The Aquatic Center opening target date is Memorial weekend. The board and staff discussed the potential last day of school for ADM for the 2021 school year.

E. Kinnick-Feller Park Historic Arch Restoration

Schenck was happy to report that the Capital Improvement Project had begun. Iowa Tuckpointing of Carlisle, Iowa has been on-site for about a week to begin the process of filling cracks, replacing bricks, etc. The public is very excited to see the refurbishing process of the historic Arch. The project completion should be done in 3 weeks.

Other Notes: Board Member Del Christensen mentioned to staff that Trees Forever does have 2 grant cycles for tree plantings to those that suffered Derecho storm damage. The first cycle deadline is June, and the second will be closer to Fall.

**Adjournment: motion Johns, 2nd: Steinfeldt
Ayes-7 Nays-0 motion carries.**