

PLEASANT HILL PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

April 14, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Loren Lown called the regular meeting of the Pleasant Hill Park and Recreation Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Gary Denning, David Dunfee, Loren Lown, Dan Schmitz, and Olivia Smith. Absent: Anne Johns and Penny Thomsen

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DENNING/SMITH moved to approve the agenda. Ayes: Denning, Dunfee, Lown, Schmitz, Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

SMITH/SCHMITZ moved to approve the minutes. Ayes: Denning, Dunfee, Lown, Schmitz, Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. TIME TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION (5 MINUTE LIMIT) – Trees Please Program representative from Mid American Energy brought a check for \$1,000.00.

5. NEW BUSINESS – None

6. REPORTS

a. Master Park Plan Update – Rick Courcier presented an overview of what is the next step after the focus groups met with Confluence. Confluence will take all information received and develop concepts and meet with staff with conceptual plans. The plans will also go to the school district since the property is next to school property. The conceptual plans will then be shared with the public and with commissioners for input. It is anticipated a final plan will be available the end of June. The most common requests were for limited sports fields, splash pads, nature areas, maintain quietness of the area. Chair Lown questioned if stabilization of water ways will be included. A botanical snapshot of the area of plants will be done by Chair Lown in hopes of being able to protect limited type plants. Discussion followed regarding types of trails that could be used. The conceptual plan will be a master plan to be used as development of the area is underway. Once a phase has started a site plan will be developed and amended from the master plan.

b. Youngstown Trail Project Update – The work is progressing on the trail. The infrastructure work has been completed and final grading and concrete work will be done soon, depending on the weather. A portion of the trail was relocated farther up the hill in the area where the ground is saturated.

c. Water Trails Input Map Information – The workshops for public input and information is located on the website. Encourage everyone to attend as well as enter information on the interactive maps. Information will be sent to commissioners. The MPO is working to make this ecologically viable. Commissioner Schmitz questioned if developers are trying to develop in these areas vs. cleaning out the areas. The MPO is discouraging building in flood plains and encouraging restoring flood plains to their natural habitat.

d. Four Mile Creek Bank Stabilization Project – Rick Courcier shared pictures of what the bank looks like and what is planned. It is planned that work will start soon on the project. They will

be placing limestone and rip rap in the stream. The sand from the sandbar will be put on the other side of the stream redirecting the stream to the center. This is an extensive project, 480 feet, and planned to take approximately 2 weeks to complete, weather permitting.

e. Earth Day Trash Bash - This is scheduled for April 16. This is the second year Pleasant Hill has been involved. There are three groups working the Pleasant Hill section as well as part of the Polk County area. Stickers are also going to be placed on storm sewers reminding everyone to not dump into the storm sewers.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

a. Informational Topics – Chair Lown would like have someone talk about metro trails and how they are connecting more and more with other communities. Commissioner Schmitz was asked to talk about orienting courses. It would be good to see runs/bike runs be able to be done on trails instead of on streets/roads. When 5Ks are done in the city, there are a couple routes available; they are encouraged to stay around the lake. Playground safety is something else that would be beneficial to commissioners as new playgrounds are developed in the parks. If you have any topics, please e-mail them to Rick Courcier to include on future agendas. Commissioner Schmitz would be willing to talk about applying for grants for erosion control, safe rooms, etc. It was also suggested that experts be asked to discuss topics of amenities they are involved with, i.e.: dog park costs.

8. ADJOURNMENT – SCHMITZ/DENNING moved to adjourn. Ayes: Denning, Dunfee, Lown, Schmitz, Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

- NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – May 12, 2016