

PLEASANT HILL PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

September 8, 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, Matthew Keller, Loren Lown, Olivia Smith, Penny Thomsen and Matthew Will. Absent: Anne Johns.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DENNY/THOMSEN moved to approve the agenda. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 14, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

DENNING/SMITH moved to approve the minutes. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. TIME TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION (5 MINUTE LIMIT)

Nora Schatzberg was present to discuss the upcoming Art on The Lake event that is being held Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Copper Creek Lake Park. The event is from 11 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with approximately 28-30 artists in attendance. This is an opportunity for the public to meet, interact and purchase from local artists. There are two bands scheduled, 12:30-2:30 and 3:00-5:00 p.m. There will also be food for purchase during the event. Lots of kids' activities as well as demonstrations by artists are planned. It is hoped that this will become an annual event that will grow over time. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Nomination & Election of Chair – DENNING/THOMSEN moved to nominate Loren Lown as Chair for the coming year. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

b. Nomination & Election of Vice-Chair – LOWN/DENNING moved to nominate Olivia Smith as Vice-Chair for the coming year. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

c. Review and Recommendation-Pleasant Hill Little League Request for Reduced Shelter Rate at Doanes Park - The Pleasant Hill Little League currently uses the Doanes Park baseball fields for all of their homes games from April 1 through July 15. Due to an increase in participation over the last three years the League needs to use those facilities on Saturdays from 8AM to 3:30PM. By increasing the number of games on Saturdays parking near the main shelter becomes very challenging to the groups that reserve the shelter on Saturday mornings. The League has offered to reserve the shelter from 8AM to 3:30PM to alleviate some of the parking congestion. Discussion followed regarding rates for rentals after 3:30 p.m. and if this will affect the number of rentals during this period and the reduced income from the rentals. THOMSEN/KELLER moved to not approve the reduced rate and keep the rate at the \$35.00 for the Little League. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. REPORTS

a. Community Park Plan Update – The Confluence representatives, Mayor Kurovski and SEP representatives have met to review the conceptual design and plan to bring it forward to the Southeast Polk School Board. The planning for the budget for the next fiscal year begins in October and Confluence is planning to present the conceptual design as well as general

recommendations on how to move forward with CIP budget priorities. The Park & Rec Commission will likely have the plans at the next meeting; they will be included in the packet for that meeting. After it is presented to Park & Rec, it will be sent to Plan & Zoning for recommendation to the City Council for approval. Chair Lown asked that the conceptual plan be sent to commissioners prior to the agenda packet to allow for more time to review before the next meeting.

b. Baseball Field #3 Improvement Update – Work started recently on the field renovation. The field is being redone to serve as a conversion field. The contractor plans to start work on replacing the fence around Sept. 19 as well as the concrete at the commons area and the road to the garage. The drinking fountains will be installed this year but won't be operational until next year.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

a. Chair Lown suggested that a picnic be planned for commissioners and their families at one of the parks. He will look at setting a date.

b. Commissioner Denning asked about the feasibility of having a collapsible curtain at the main shelter in Doanes Park to block wind and rain. Commissioner Keller will forward some information to Rick Courcier regarding this.

c. Commissioner Smith reported on activities of the Trails and Greenway Advisory Committee. At this time they are working on recognition of volunteers. There are a lot of trails being planned with new connections being planned for the Pleasant Hill area.

d. The Youngstown Trail ribbon cutting is planned for September 15. The grant application has been submitted for the second phase of the trail.

e. Commissioner Will commented on the work on the new parking area at the trail on Scott Ave. This is a great improvement.

f. The Des Moines River plan is still being presented to affected communities. Once the final plan is approved by the MPO it will be brought back to communities to request help with funding for engineers, etc. and to prioritize projects.

g. The Four-Mile Creek Watershed Committee is working on a master plan for the area between I80 and the Des Moines River. They are assembling a base map which will be posted on the website for review/recommendations.

9. ADJOURNMENT

SMITH/DENNING moved to adjourn. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

- NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – October 13, 2016

Cindy Konrad
Recording Secretary