

**PLEASANT HILL PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2021**

Given the Governor's prohibition on gatherings of ten or more persons during the COVID19 outbreak, no public meeting location was available. All commissioners and staff participated in this meeting by electronic means.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Pleasant Hill Park and Recreation Commission Regular Session was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on April 8, 2021 by Chairperson Will via www.gotomeeting.com. Present: Austin Bittner, Adam Fendrick, Matthew Keller, Loren Lown, Olivia Smith, and Matthew Will. Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BITTNER/LOWN moved to approve the agenda. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

LOWN/KELLER moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2021 regular meeting. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

- Councilman Ross Grueters – shared the status of the Pleasant Hill Gate Sculpture to be located at Hickory Glenn Park and fundraiser by the Arts Commission; current fundraising goal is to match the Bravo Grant funding amount; as of meeting, \$40K still needed.

- Dennis Thielen – 430 Morning Dove Blvd – shared positive view of new park at 6010 E Oakwood Dr; suggested installation of pickle ball courts, stating it would be a unique feature for this side of town and cited the high popularity of Smash Park in WDM.

- Kim Grove – 711 N Shadyview Dr– concerns about DarMar Park swing set removal; suggested installation of a toddler park at the site; and stated she would like to be involved in any future discussion about that park. City Staff discussed severe damage to the swing set and park sign during the Derecho; previous consultant suggestions for future trail connector and size is limiting factor; and illicit evening activities at the park recently sparked discussion of future usage, no current plans, and open to public input on improvements to the park.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. NONE

6. REPORTS

A. MAINTENANCE UPDATE

- Spring maintenance duties in full swill; mowing and grass treatments; community gardens have been prepped and ready for planting; landscape cleanup and mulching;
- Sports Fields- opening games scheduled for this week.

- 6010 E Oakwood Dr – site cleanup and demo of structures and undesirable trees; house has been emptied and items auctioned off; barn wood auctioned off; salvage as much of the materials and structures as possible; and demolition deadline set for end of May.
- Arbor Day/Earth Day –Spring Tree Spree, starting small this spring with ornamentals and a nice selection of trees.

B. YOUTH CENTER

Reopened on April 2nd; maxi capacity currently set at 32; usage and rental expectations as outlined in COVID proclamations; installation of hand sanitizing stations, contactless drinking fountain, masks, etc.; no facility rentals to date; and program rentals should start back up in May/June.

C. INPERSON MEETINGS

City Council currently conducting hybrid meetings; staff will gather and share more info regarding future possibility of in-person meeting timeline and guidelines.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Commissioners discussed the creation of public informational webpage to share the City's stance and practices of environmental stewardship information and special designations that have been awarded i.e., Tree City USA; and Iowa Community requirements/standards.
- RFI rental contract – only one submission; Mike Roose out of Pella; strong proposal; discussed water access and storage; proposal being updated currently to address subcommittee comments and suggestions before presented to City Council Q&A session.
- Commissioners and City Staff discussed park and facilities tour and committee clean-up day when COVID restrictions have been lifted.

8. ADJOURNMENT

LOWN/BITTNER moved to adjourn. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm

- NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – May 13, 2021 – 6:00 P.M. – meetings virtual format until further notice

Jennifer Bartles
Recording Secretary