



Board Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2022

Present: Richard Grugin, Laura Olds, Amy Chen, Kevin Stibal, Jeremy Parrish

Absent: Shannon Greene, Gwen Johnson

Others Present: Brian Motley, Shelly Simpson, Tim Haier, Guy Goldsmith

1. Approval of the March 3 Minutes
 - a. Motion: Kevin Stibal
 - b. Second: Jeremy Parrish
2. Expiring Terms
 - a. Jeremy Parrish and Laura Olds' terms are expiring on 30 June
 - b. Apply online beforehand
 - c. Current board members will have to reapply if they wish to return
3. Parks Report: Guy
 - a. Weather slowdown for preparation
 - b. Fertilizer and seed and mulch down
 - i. Starting aeration
 - ii. Fertilizer prices doubled, looking into alternatives and prioritizes
 - c. Building maintenance
 - i. Parking lot light issue due to asphalt repaving
 - d. Trail survey
 - i. Will need to fix more after this winter
 - ii. Hire out more major repairs
 - e. Snow removal on March 7
 - i. Hopefully done for the season
 - f. Removed ice skating court
 - i. Now available for tennis and pickleball
 - g. Training
 - h. Meetings
 - i. 3 March: Community Kick Off Meeting
 - ii. 4 March: Run (24 April) Preparation
 - iii. 7 March: Charlie Colwell re: City Comprehensive Master Plan
 - iv. 8 March: Hodge Construction at Liberty Center Pond
 1. Stormwater goes to Liberty Center Pond
 2. Need to limit damage from Field House Brewery
 - v. 9 March: Community Center Roof Replacement Bids
 - vi. 16 March: Ranshaw Way Pedestrian Tunnel Wall Samples
 1. Summer construction
 2. Will have lights installed
 - vii. 22 March: Blues and BBQ Kickoff Planning Meeting
 1. Held on 9 July
 - viii. 23 March: Iowa Natural Resource released 2,000 trout at Liberty Center
 1. Allows fishers an option locally
 2. Free program; payment comes from trout stamp/fishing license
 3. One pond chosen intentionally to make it as accessible as possible

- 4. Need a trout stamp and fishing license to enjoy
- ix. 27 March: Ball Field Cleanup Day
 - 1. Thankful to volunteers who came out on Sunday
- x. 28 March: First Dubuque Street Meeting
 - 1. Interchange torn out to replace diagonal with 90 degree
 - 2. New parking lot to be installed
 - 3. Removed the legion flagpole and the old town clock
 - 4. Clock will be mothballed
 - 5. Will use flagpole to the dog park
- xi. 1 April: 965 project restarted
- i. Seasonal employee interviewing
 - i. Interviewed 2, hired 2
 - ii. Need to hire 12, 3-4 returning from last year
 - iii. Still looking for 5-6 positions to fill
 - iv. Need to be at least 18 due to driving vehicles and equipment
- j. Baseball fields
 - i. Ball fields maintained daily, when it's dry, lines will go down
 - ii. New ball diamond surface machines
 - iii. Made in house because the previous one no longer sold
 - iv. At paint shop currently
 - v. New tractor on order to have two to use simultaneously
- k. Dog Park
 - i. Looking bad due to the wet weather
 - ii. Wanted turf grass but need alternative options, perhaps mulch
 - iii. Getting soil samples to see if the dirt interfering with growth
 - iv. Deter unregistered people through lock codes
 - v. If you register your dog, you'll get the lock code
 - vi. Grass grew 2 years ago, then 2 hot summers that killed it
 - vii. Plenty of mulch due to the derecho
- l. Creek Cleanup
 - i. 9 April, 9-11:30 AM
 - ii. Volunteers coming and welcome
 - iii. Meet at the Rec Center in the North side parking lot
 - iv. Two staff to meet volunteers
- m. Trash Cans in Parks
 - i. Option to do Recycling to manage
 - ii. People don't observe which bin for which
 - iii. Photos of what goes where at the community center doesn't help
- 4. Community Center: Shelly Simpson
 - a. March Madness! = Increased use and inquiries
 - b. Optimist Club had pancake breakfast after two-year hiatus
 - c. Outdoor building projects continue
 - i. Plan to have snow rails and gas lines completed in a few weeks
 - ii. Bid opening for roof replacement project: 9 bidders
 - iii. Roof replacement bidding came in lower than expected
 - iv. Award at the end of April at the city council meeting
 - 1. Time if need to order materials or start immediately (June-July)
 - 2. Fasteners roof membrane hard to find
 - d. Pool manager working on preparing for summer season
 - i. Interviews, hiring, checking on returners for employees
 - e. Summer guide published in March

- i. Programs for Summer Slate resulted in several meetings
 - f. Iowa Association Conference in Dubuque
 - g. Children's Events
 - i. 9 April: Bunny Hunt, Liberty Center, 10-Noon, No registration
 - ii. 9 April: Take-A-Kid Outdoors (TAKO): Creekside Common Park, 1-3 PM
 - iii. 10 April: Egg-stravaganza, needed pre-registration and already full
 - h. Swim Lessons
 - i. Hot commodity, spots fill fast, already have a waitlist
 - ii. Filled by before 6:30 AM on the open day
 - iii. Had to manage with short staffing and lack of space
 - iv. Swim lessons offered year around and max out
 - v. Suggest to go to other cities or Di Ventures
 - vi. Need to offer both private and group lessons
 - vii. 2004 pool added from 1997 building
 - i. Vision
 - i. Keeping on agenda as it is an ongoing process
 - ii. Welcome community member feedback
 - iii. Workshops coming up: 21 April is the next one
 - 1. RDG has two times for maximum accessibility
 - 2. North liberty website has questionnaire on front page
 - 3. Where do you want parks and recreation facilities
 - 4. What industry and business do we want to attract
 - 5. Not sitting but rather drop-in
 - 6. Day at library, night at rec center
- 5. Next Meeting: 5 May
 - a. Shelley Simpson to be absent
- 6. Meeting Adjourned
 - a. Motion: Jeremy Parrish
 - b. Second: Laura Olds