

Marshalltown Park and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2008

Opening:

Darrell Eaton called the regular meeting of the Marshalltown Park and Recreation Advisory Board to order at 4:15 p.m. on October 8, 2008 in the Park & Recreation Conference Room.

Present:

Darrell Eaton, Jeffrey Sogge, Todd Eipperle, Janet Weis, Chad Weir, Terry Gray

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. J. Sogge motioned. D. Eaton 2nd.

B. Business

Recreation Report (4:20 p.m.) Chad Weir presented the 2008 Adult Slow Pitch Softball Final Report. He also noted that the second shift league status is under review and a "No Glove" league may be added on Tuesday nights next season.

Riverview Park Update (4:40 p.m.) Terry Gray reported that Baumeier of Gladbrook presented the low bid for the demolition work of the Apgar pool bathhouse for the amount of \$12,500. The work is to be completed between December 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009.

Aquatic Center (4:42 p.m.) Terry asked for help with recommendations for the 2009 season. She would like to take the recommendations to the City Council on November 17, 2008. The pool will need to be painted in the spring. There was not a budget item for pool painting in the 2008 budget. It may be difficult to have the pool prepped, painted and cured in time for a Memorial Day opening. Looking ahead at the local school calendar and the way the summer holidays fall, the pool would be "swim ready" for several days that students were actually in school. It costs approximately \$564/day in chemicals and utilities to keep the pool table even when not being used for a day i.e. when school is in session the first week of June and the last week of August. Another idea discussed was closing the pool at 7:30 p.m. instead of at 8:00 p.m..

Skateboard Park (5:15 p.m.) Terry reported that the skateboard park near Anson Park was built in 1999 and repaired in 2006. A Midwest skateboarding company has been contacted for some early ideas (copies distributed). A taskforce may be formed to help decide if the existing equipment can be repaired or if it should be replaced and if the park should be moved to Riverview Park to reduce noise in the Anson neighborhood.

Campground Survey (5:30 p.m.) Terry distributed copies of the 2008 campground survey.

Anson Park Sign (5:35 p.m.) Tabled.

Vendors in the Park (5:36 p.m.) Not an issue at this time there are city ordinances in place concerning vendor tents.

Bike Trail Repair (5:37 p.m.) We are waiting for FEMA to approve the funds (\$5 – 6,000) for repairing the west culvert to pre-disaster condition. CGA Engineering recommends replacing the culvert with 2 48” culverts at a cost of approximately \$26,000. Consensus of the board is that maintenance of the trail is more important than extension of the existing trail and money from the bike trail fund may need to be used for maintenance and repair. The board advocates following CGA’s engineering recommendations.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. by Darrell Eaton. The next general meeting will be at 4:15 p.m. on November 12 in Park & Recreation Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by:

Janet Weis