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Bondurant Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes
March 20, 2025

1. Roll Call

Present:	Dennis Lyman, Marian Collison, Emily Karwoski, Seth Williams
Absent:	Tessa Simpson, Nic Robinson, Aaron Rasmussen
City Officials Present:	City Administrator Marketa Oliver, Communications & Events Coordinator Katie Klus

2. Call to Order and Declaring a Quorum

Dennis Lyman called the meeting to order at 6PM and declared a quorum.

3. Abstentions declared

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Lyman, seconded by Collison, to approve the minutes. Vote on Motion 4-0. Motion carried.

- a. -January 2025 Minutes for approval
- b. -February 2025 - Mtg. Cancelled/No minutes

5. Perfecting and Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Lyman, seconded by Collison, to approve the agenda. Vote on Motion 4-0. Motion carried.

6. Guests requesting to address the Parks Board

Jeff Cook (708 Jefferson Ave SE, Bondurant, IA 50035) is inquiring about the discussion of keeping restrooms open year-round. Horton, Public Works Director, has indicated that the restrooms at Petocka and City Park aren't currently built to allow for this. The Board indicated they would be interested in future year-round permanent bathroom options.

Jeff would like to see more polished signs posted when restrooms are open/closed.

Wolf Creek Basketball Court - inquired about progress

7. Action Items

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- a. -Recommend revised shelter rental rates to the City Council
Motion by Collison, seconded by Karwoski, to recommend revised shelter rates to the City Council. Vote on Motion 4-0. Motion carried.
8. Discussion Items -
 - a. The Garden
Marketa introduced the two garden concepts, showing two different railing options. The Board is recommending the concept called "Revised The Garden". Jeff Cook mentioned that the planter at the furthest reaching point on the boardwalk would take up valuable fishing real estate. He also verbalized a concern of putting too much maintenance on our Public Works Department.
9. Reports and Comments:
 - a. -Cribbage Tournament Event Report
 - b. -Bondu Chowder Ride Event Report
 - c. -Communications and Events Coordinator Report
 - Collison Playground is to be demolished next week. The new playground is going in mid-April. New benches have also been ordered.
 - ICON is partnering with the Conservation Corps of Minnesota & Iowa to remove invasive woody plants along Mud Creek. This costs the City nothing.
 - Keep Bondu Beautiful is coming up next April 19th in the afternoon. Volunteer sign-ups are ongoing.
 - The new Parks and Rec software should be on-line by end of April.
 - The Live Healthy 5k/1k has been canceled by Live Healthy Iowa. We are still going to be having a 1k/5k/10k, just not in April. We are looking at June. More updates will be coming after Katie meeting with the new Chamber of Commerce Director.
 - d. -City Administrator Report
Grant Update:
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| Polk County | Sponsorship Grant | Blues & Brews | 2025-February | \$1000 |
| Kwik Star | Sponsorship | Chowder Ride | 2025-February | \$100 |

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IDALS	Water Quality Initiative	The Station Parking	2025- March	\$127,500
MidAmerican Energy	Trees Please!	Trees for City Park	2025- March	\$1,500
Iowa Parks and Recreation Association	Mini Grant	Park Bench at Collison Soccer Park	2025- March	\$1,000

Grain District Update - Arboretum trail goes to bid this year

Construction Updates - Street closures are coming this summer.

Communication will be coming from the City.

Property Tax Updates - Hearing on Monday, our City levy rate has dropped, state-level bills are currently being considered regarding property taxes

New Water Tower has been erected and is to be painted in April.

"The Station" plans are still ongoing and staff are working with FEH to fine-tune the design.

10. Adjournment

Katie Klus
Communication and Events Coordinator

ATTEST:

Dennis Lyman
Board Chair