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Bondurant Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes
August 19, 2021

1. Roll Call

Present: Board Chair Dennis Lyman, Council Member Marian Collision, Council Member Tessa Simpson, Council Member Emily Karwoski, Council Member Joe Miller, Council Member Seth Williams

Absent: Board Member Nic Robinson

City Officials Present: City Administrator Marketa Oliver, Communications and Events Coordinator Nicole Van Houten, City Council Members Bob Peffer

2. Call to Order and Declaring a Quorum

Park and Recreation Chair Lyman called the meeting to order at 06:05 PM and declared a quorum.

3. Abstentions declared

Board Member Nic Robinson

4. Perfecting and Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Collision, seconded by Williams, to approve Parks & Rec 21-5 August 19, 2021 agenda. Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Parks & Rec 21-4

Motion by William, seconded by Miller, to amend the start time, then approve Parks & Rec 21-4, June 30, 2021 minutes. Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.

6. Guests requesting to address the Parks Board

a. Bondurant Cemetery Committee Proposal - presented by John Desaulniers Jr.

The mission of the Bondurant City Cemetery Committee is to improve and enhance the physical, communal, historical, and educational value of the Bondurant City Cemetery in cooperation with the City of BONDurant, individuals, and all appropriate organizations, to make the cemetery a visually and culturally beneficial part of the city of Bondurant for its citizens and visitors. Please see attached Ongoing Strategies,

Status, and Requests.

Motion by Simpson, seconded by Collison, to approve the Cemetery Committee and recommend it to the City Council to be approved. **Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.**

- b. Wreath Across American Proposal - presented by John Desaulniers Jr. Motion by Karwoski, seconded by Miller, to approve the Bondurant Cemetery involvement in Wreaths Across America, name John Desaulniers Jr as Location Coordinator and recommend it to City Council for approval. **Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.**

7. Action Items

- b. Recommended adoption of an amended Chapter 151 of the City Code, to allow for placement of trees within the public right-of-way area
Motion by Miller, seconded by Simpson, to approve the amendment to Chapter 151 of the City Code and recommend it to City Council for approval. **Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.**

8. Discussion Items -

- a. Discussion and action on the Request for Proposals for Planning for Central Park, including Regional Stormwater Retention Facility
Oliver reported that an RFP for planning the Central Park, which will include a Regional Stormwater Retention Facility, will be going to bid soon. Input is needed on the amenities that the community would like at this location to incorporate into the plan.

Central Park Amenities:

- A trail surrounding the water retention pond to accommodate a 5K or an area for cross-country training opportunities.
 - Disc Golf Course.
 - Specific water depths or water quality to accommodate a public beach area.
 - Boat access for paddle boats, canoes, and kayaks.
 - Building for boat rentals.
- a. Graffiti Area along the Gay Lea Wilson Underpass
Marketa brought an idea to create an art tunnel similar to the Leaked Street tunnel in London. The word "graffiti" can have a negative connotation, so focusing on an "Art Tunnel" and inviting a variety of artists to paint the underpass once a year or periodically. The board was in support.

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b. Bondurant-Farrar School District Donates Playground Equipment

The Bondurant-Farrar School district donated playground equipment to the Bondurant Parks department. The board agreed that this equipment would fit best at the Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex, which could be added to the Bondurant Little League playground area or the Bondurant Soccer Club area. This will help sports spectators keep young people occupied while soccer or baseball is in session.

c. Community Recreation Program to highlight neighborhood parks weekly for different activities to bring the neighborhoods together.

Community Recreation Program Ideas:

- Similar to the Ankeny Library's program, it hosts a Summer Park Passport. Find hidden images at community parks. Once everything is found, they turn in the passport for a prize. Restricted to Bondurant residents only.
- Park of the Week highlighted on social media sharing amenities. The Park Passport can cover 8 parks in 8 weeks.
- The main demographics could be daycare and stay-at-home parents.

d. City Park Phased Budget

Oliver reported that this would have to be postponed. A meeting with RDG Planning and Design prompted the need for a schematic design of the City Park Plan. A schematic design is a rough construction drawing that offers a general overview of a project's basic features and construction cost estimates, allowing us to determine the concept's overall budget in more detail. This is an imperative step to start a phased budget and work this into the City's overall Capital Project priorities.

9. Reports and Comments:

a. Event Reports

On Saturday, June 26, 2021, the Bondurant Parks and Recreation Department were pleased to host Chris Norton back in his hometown for an Ice Cream Social and movie showing of his documentary 7-Yards. The venue was at the Bondurant-Farrar High School, hosted in the cafeteria and auditorium. Three local businesses were invited to offer sweet treats prior to the showing: Somewhere in the Middle, Sweet Swirls, and Home Slice Handmade Pie. Nearly 80 guests attended the hometown show. Bondurant is proud to be included. This was made possible due to a gracious donation from Prairie Meadow's Casino, Racetrack, and Hotel.

On Saturday, July 17, 2021, the Bondurant Parks and Recreation Department hosted the annual Bondu Blues and Brews Festival at the

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Bondurant Regional Trailhead, inviting the Ducharme-Jones Band to open the show for Sumpin Doo's second year attending this traditional outdoor concert. Two bounce houses were set up, along with a balloon artist and a face-painting booth for the kids. Grandpa's Waffles, Whimsical Wine Trailer, Red Top Taco Truck, Just Chillin', and Reclaimed Rails Brewing Co were onsite offering treats and refreshments. Bondurant Community Foundation announced the Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest winners and Reclaimed Rails Brewing Co. emcee JC Olbrecht announced the Homebrew winner and runner-up. It was a fun-filled night in Bondurant. The event attracted over 400 spectators, which is outgrowing the space we use.

From August 2 - August 4, the three-day B-Safe Kids Day Camp attracted 20 preschoolers preparing for kindergarten. The Polk County Sheriff's Office, Bondurant Emergency Services, Greater Des Moines YMCA, Altoona Pet Supply Plus, Blank Children's Hospital Child Assault Prevention, Bondurant-Farrar Transportation, along with some college students from Indian Hills Community College and high school students from Bondurant-Farrar volunteered their time to bring a memorable safety program. It takes a village!

On Sunday, August 8, 2021, the Bondurant Parks and Recreation Department invited the Mayor of Bondurant to offer a leisurely bike ride along the Chichaqua Valley Trail. It's always a way to get to know a Bondurant leader while enjoying our beautiful community. The idea is to bring new residents out to explore the trail system that Bondurant offers. Three community families joined in this year.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Miller, seconded by Karwoski, to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.