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Bondurant Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes
June 30, 2021

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: Board Member Nic Robinson

City Officials Present: City Administrator Marketa Oliver, Communications and Events Coordinator Nicole Van Houten

2. Call to Order and Declaring a Quorum

Special Park and Recreation Chair Lyman called the meeting to order at 06:07 PM and declared a quorum.

3. Abstentions declared

Board Member Nic Robinson

5. Perfecting and Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Miller, seconded by Williams, to approve Special Parks & Rec 21-4 June 30, 2021 agenda. Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Parks & Rec 21-3

Motion by Miller, seconded by Collison, to approve Parks & Rec 21-3, May 20, 2021 minutes. Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.

6. Guests requesting to address the Parks Board

None.

7. Action Items

a. City Park Final Concept Master Plan

Motion by Miller, seconded by Collison, to approve City Park Master Plan and recommend to City Council to be approved. Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.

8. Discussion Items -

a. Bondurant Skate Park Concept

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Oliver reported that the Bondurant Community Foundation suggested locating a skate park here on property the City owns. The Highway 65 underpass will daylight on the northern edge of this property. It has a topography that would lend itself well to a skate park. The reason for discussion on this agenda is that as the underpass goes into the final design, it is necessary to take potential future development of a skate park into consideration in the design process, so as not to use the property in a way that could require additional work later if a skate park were located here.

Collison had concerns about the MidAmerican gas regulator easement on the parcel and the Des Moines Water Works water main that cuts east/west through this property. Any improvements will need to stay outside of this easement area and won't affect the area proposed for the skate park surfacing. Oliver noted it was likely possible to use this area for parking. The trail along 15th St SE will need to extend to the site. The Underpass will exit onto this parcel, so a portion of the parcel may be impacted. A few parking spaces will be included in the design of this attraction if the plan carries forward, but the Zoning Ordinance doesn't specify a minimum parking space count for public park uses. This parcel is zoned as Agricultural (A-1). Skate park use proposed would be permitted, as A-1 District allowed for publicly owned parks, playgrounds, golf courses, and recreation areas. If any actual buildings are proposed, the A-1 District setbacks will need to be met. Board is in favor of this concept.

9. Reports and Comments:

a. Event Reports

Van Houten reported that the 2021 Youth Fishing Derby had average attendance. Great support by Casey's General Store, Generational Guns, Great Escapes, Bondurant Men's Club, Bondurant Civic Club, and Blank Park Zoo. Volunteers from First Family Church hosted the educational booths, which was a good addition to the program. Iowa DNR Urban Biologist Tyler Stubbs volunteered his time and shared the current Iowa Fishing Regulations and the First Catch DNR Program. Nearly 110 people attended this event and donations will carry over to the 2022 Youth Fishing Derby.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Miller, seconded by Collison, to adjourn at 7:57 PM. Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.