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Bondurant Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes
November 17, 2022

1. Roll Call

Present: Miller, Collison, Robinson, Karwoski, Williams,
Simpson, Lyman

Absent: None

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

2. Call to Order and Declaring a Quorum

Called to order and Declared a Quorum at 6:01 PM

3. Abstentions declared

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Parks & Rec 22-9

Motion by Collison seconded by Miller to approve September 15, 2022 minutes. Vote on Motion 7-0. Motion carried.

5. Perfecting and Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Williams seconded by Miller to approve November 17, 2022 agenda. Vote on Motion 7-0. Motion carried.

6. Guests requesting to address the Parks Board

a. Presenting the Parks Passport Challenge Grand Prizes to the Top Participants

Congratulations! Playgrounds do more than provide a structure for kids to jump, climb and slide on. Parks help build social interactions between kids, help children be physically fit and healthy, develop fine gross motor skills, and increase flexibility and balancing skills. The top participants of the 2022 Parks Passport Challenge were presented with a grand prize for their participation.

b. Kyle Wagner with Live Healthy Iowa Organization

Kyle Wagner shared some details about the Live Healthy Iowa Association based out of Ames, Iowa. Bondurant has hosted the Live Healthy Iowa 5K/1K since 2015. For the past two year's Bondurant has been the largest host site. Last year there were 158 participants. In 2022 there were 11 host sites and one virtual site, including Bondurant.

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Participants by age group

12 and under – 26

20-29 – 13

30-39 – 34

40-49- 29

50-59 – 27

113 females | 45 males

Participant Data

55 runners from Bondurant

14 Des Moines

10 Ankeny

9 Prairie City

6 Altoona

Waukee

Targeting other local communities in marketing is suggested to increase participation in 2023. Next year's run will be on April 15, 2023.

Registration opens on January 9.

Lyman asked if the Live Healthy Iowa Association could encourage the Bondurant Track Team to volunteer next year. Wagner responded that he would ask. The Iowa Sports Foundation partners with the We Will Collective, so they plan to have some Iowa State Student-Athletes on-site at Bondurant for the 5K.

- c. Mike Bell and Colt McDermott with RDG will present an update in the City Park Schematic Design process

Mike Bell presented the Phase II renderings of City Park. The next steps include the Parks and Recreation Board deciding on a playground vendor. Bell suggests reviewing each vendor's warranty details, health and well-being success, durability, and resiliency. Lyman asked if Bell had a rubric to help guide the board in making a decision. Bell said he would share the rubric he has. Bell continued to suggest having each park vendor submit a competitive bid. The board can check price points and determine how much will be spent on the play features at City Park. Once the playground vendor is selected, RDG will return with the final design proof. RDG can provide a cost of everything minus the play features. Bell suggests inviting each playground vendor to the Parks and Recreation meeting and interviewing them.

7. Action Items

- a. Dog Park Update

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Motion by Williams seconded by Miller to recommend to City Council approval of Pawtocka Dog Park as the name of the new Dog Park. Vote on Motion 7-0. Motion carried.

8. Discussion Items -

a. Downtown Improvements

Oliver presented the plans for downtown improvements based on the recent adoption of the new Comprehensive and Visioning Plan. There is a preliminary plan for developing the old Landus site. The Crossing project will include realigning the Chichaqua Valley Trail along the old Landus site. A downtown trail connection and an arboretum and art will be installed along the corridor. The Crossing will spur private redevelopment opportunities. The comprehensive plan aims to foster a vibrant and diverse downtown, making the area a unique destination for residents and visitors. The public art installed at The Crossing will honor Bonduran't farming and railroad roots. A proposed business incubator would include a community gathering space designed for food trucks. The Crossing will also increase the amount of trailhead parking.

9. Reports and Comments:

a. Communications and Events Coordinator

The Adopt A Park/Trail Program kicked off this year. Today there are four organizations participating. It has gone well this year, and Parks and Recreation anticipate promoting this program more next year. The Memorial Program was adjusted this year to be more concise with the Memorial Gift options. This year two benches and a tree have been installed at Lake Petocka through the Memorial Program. The Fall Breakdance Series participation was down from the Summer Series, but parents were pleased with the program. The Bondu Spooktacular had a record participation year. There are still some logistics being fine-tuned to meet the growth of the crowd. We want to continue to offer this traditional event, but as participation grows, how the activities are offered changes also. The Fall Bags Tournament participation was low, but all participants are from the SoCO Club or Central Iowa Baggers Club and are professional bags players. This was the first year of using an app, and that will enhance the experience in the future. A player this year is willing to help promote the Bondurant Tournament next year in order to increase participation. Movies in the Park kicked off with a showing of Encanto, bringing in a remarkable 75 viewers (haven't seen that number of participants since 2015). Due to the weather, the showing of The Goonies was rescheduled, which may have impacted their low viewership of 30 people. The final Movie in the Park was the showing of Hocus Pocus, which attracted many people from outside of the Bondurant Community and many to dress up as witches. The viewership

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for Hocus Pocus was a good turn, out of about 45 people. Shelter Reservations in 2022 were fewer than in years past, but the revenue was way up. Analysis indicates that people were reserving less but reserving for longer periods of time.

b. City Administrator

Robinson asked if the underpass was done or if construction would continue into the spring of 2023. Oliver stated that the majority of the construction is complete, but the pedestrian underpass hasn't officially opened yet. Additional earthwork and planting will be done in the spring. Robinson asked when the trail will connect to Altoona. Oliver's response was that it will be complete when the realignment of Grant St is complete. Miller asked about a speed reduction on the highway. Oliver recently had a meeting with the Iowa DOT and began the discussion of a speed reduction plan with the growth Bondurant is experiencing. Oliver reported that Bondurant Emergency Services' new station would begin construction next year. The Civic Campus Master Planning process kicked off this past week. City Council also recently hosted a strategic meeting that indicated the old Bondurant Emergency Services facility would be converted into a Community Center where Parks and Recreation will hold programming and party space for residents. The old Public Works Shop will be converted into the Parks Maintenance site. Miller asked about resurfacing 2nd street and when that will be complete. Oliver reported that an undisclosed project may require 2nd Street to be reconstructed, so it's on hold.

c. Board Members

Robinson reported that all the trees on the soccer fields had been planted, and the grant that was submitted by the Tree Board was approved for disbursement. The Tree Board had to pass an inspection and they passed. 64 trees were officially planted at the Bondurant Recreational Sports Complex. The Tree Board sold over 100 trees during their Tree Sale this year. It was slightly down from the prior year sales, but the board wasn't able to lower tree fees this year like last year.

Simpson reported that the Youth Blue Jay Basketball season is in session with over 200 registered kids.

Karwoski reported that the Bondurant Community Foundation this past month included planning next year's sidewalk chalk festival and brainstorming ideas to enhance it.

Miller reported that Little League needs board members, so if anyone would be interested in joining, they seek more members. The School Infrastructure meeting included discussions about a Bond Referendum in 2023. The committee also discussed the possibility of adding software to track kids on school buses.

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10. Adjournment

Motion by Karwoski seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. Vote on Motion 7-0. Motion carried.

Nicole Van Houten
Communications and Events Coordinator

ATTEST:

Marian Collison
Board Vice Chair