

**MINUTES: DECORAH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

**7:00pm, Thursday, April 19, 2018, Decorah City Hall**

Chairman Rich Gaard opened the meeting at 7:04pm with Board members Jeff O'Gara and Kathy Bakken present. Jerri Osenga and Andy Nimrod were also present. There was no public comment. O'Gara motioned to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2018 Board meeting, Bakken seconded, all approved.

*Volunteer Organization reports:*

- Osenga shared her report from the Butterfly Garden at the Community Prairie annual meeting, held at the library April 17. The annual meeting had 14 people in attendance, including two from Park-Rec. MJ Hatfield gave a report on insects and the importance of prairie for the environment. Osenga reported that they are always looking for new volunteers to join the team and help on Tuesday morning's from 9:00-11:00 at the butterfly garden. The work is rewarding and the socialization is wonderful. Osenga recommended the Board check out the new information that has been added to the City website about the Butterfly Garden.
- The annual Time Trials bike race sponsored by DHPT has been cancelled due to poor trail conditions with the late spring.
- CREW's annual post prom party went very well with 240 high school kids participating.

*Department reports:*

- Pulpit Rock Campground is off to one of its slowest starts on record due to weather.
- The first phase of the Dug Road reconstruction is nearly complete. Work is scheduled to begin on the box culvert that will link Trout Run and Dry Run Trails in July.
- A new water boiler was installed to heat the swimming pool in March. The new toddler slide for the swimming pool is scheduled to be installed in early May.

Gaard noted that the pickleball courts that had been painted on the tennis courts were being used heavily and that a lot of people would like to see pickleball options expanded.

Nimrod reported that interest continues to grow regarding a Veteran's Memorial and asked the Board to be thinking on locations that they would like to see explored as suitable sites and what questions they might have if a group from the VFW comes to them to discuss it further.

O'Gara motioned to adjourn, Bakken seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Nimrod

Director

Decorah Parks and Recreation