

MINUTES: DECORAH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

7:00pm, Thursday, May 17, 2018, Decorah City Hall

Chairman Rich Gaard opened the meeting at 7:00pm with Board members Jeff O'Gara and Shirley Vermace present. ary Lewis, Eric Doll and Andy Nimrod were also present.

Eric Doll from the Community Visioning Project spoke on the potential impact CVP could have for the parks and was interested in exploring the Carlson property further, possibly as a separate project from the CVP. Doll said that he would get back to the Board with some cost estimates on park design.

O'Gara motioned to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2018 Board meeting, Vermace seconded, all approved.

Volunteer Organization reports:

- Mary Lewis shared the work that had been accomplished with the removal of garlic mustard this spring. Her goal is to have another person trained to the level that she is who would help with the spraying. Mary journaled her work this spring and logged a lot of volunteer hours.*

Department reports:

- Pulpit Rock Campground is finally getting into the flow after a very slow start.*
- The swimming pool is scheduled to open May 27 and the new toddler waterslide will be ready.*
- The Dog Park is scheduled to be fenced in late May and should be ready to open in late June or early July.*
- The 28E Trail Committee will be wrestling with decisions regarding the usage of electric bicycles and Segways on the trails. The Board noted that it would be very hard to enforce and wondered what the City's insurance carrier would have to say.*
- The Recreation Department is geared up for summer and will be kicking things off with a free Family Slide into Summer Pool Party on June 5.*

Nimrod shared information that had been left for the Board at the Park-Rec Office regarding the spraying of pesticides and herbicides from Good Neighbor Iowa, a program from the University of Northern Iowa.

The June Board meeting was scheduled for 7:00pm, June 21, 2018, at City Hall. O'Gara motioned to adjourn, Vermace seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Nimrod

Director

Decorah Parks and Recreation