

## **SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 MINUTES: DECORAH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the Decorah Parks and Recreation Board was called to order by acting chair Jeff O’Gara at 7:00pm, September 20, 2018 at Decorah City Hall. Kathy Bakken and Shirley Vermace answered roll call. Staff present included Andy Nimrod, Director, and Kerry Johnson, Swimming Pool Manager. There were no visitors and no public comment.

Bakken motioned to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2018 meeting, Vermace seconded, all approved.

Nimrod reported the Great Places grant application is due November 1. Representatives from Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs for the Iowa Great Places Grant will be visiting Decorah on October 10 to look at the proposed projects.

The Board reviewed the balances of the endowments and memorial fund and discussed estimated projections of yearly proceeds.

### Department reports:

- Ted Wilson began phase 2 on the Dunning’s Spring Bridge September 17.
- John Dingley began replacing the overlook along the wall in Phelps Park on September 17.
- Dug Road was finished, and the City was closing out the final items with FEMA.
- Fall recreation programs are underway; the annual Touch a Truck was scheduled for October 6.
- Pulpit Rock Campground continues to be full every weekend.
- Pool Report: Swimming Pool Manager, Kerry Johnson, shared the yearly report from the swimming pool. Johnson reported that the summer of 2018 was an excellent season for the pool and that it was one of the better years in terms of attendance. The busiest day was May 27, opening day, when temperatures nearly reached 100 degrees. Johnson reported that she thought more maintenance was going to be needed soon on the bathhouse to keep it nice. The Board thanked Johnson for her service.

### Other notes:

- Vermace showed a rough draft of donor signs for the Dog Park and discussed a grand opening of sorts.
- Vermace requested that speed limit signs be posted on the Trout Run Trail. Nimrod and Bakken will share with the 28E Trails Committee, but the Board agreed that there isn’t anyone to enforce that type of rule.

Bakken motioned to adjourn, Vermace seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Nimrod

Director

Decorah Parks and Recreation