

MINUTES: DECORAH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

7:00pm, Thursday, December 20, 2018, Decorah City Hall

Decorah Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Rich Gaard called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members Cindy Albers, Kathy Bakken, Shirley Vermace and Andy Nimrod, Director, were present. Mayor Lorraine Borowski was a visitor.

Mayor Borowski updated the Board that there had been good conversation with School District representatives during the John Cline task force meetings, but there was still a long way to go before taking any offers into consideration. Traffic flow, ball fields and tennis courts were some of the major items to work out.

Vermace motioned to approve minutes from the November 15, 2018 meeting, Albers seconded, all approved.

Nimrod reported that an announcement had been made showing that Decorah Parks and Recreation will be receiving all of the funding that was requested for the Iowa Great Places Grant. The Board reviewed the scope of the proposed projects and voiced their enthusiasm of the impact on the parks.

The Board reviewed financial information and proposed budget requests. Endowments were down some like many investments due to the recent downturn of the stock market. The Board wondered if there would be a way to add some shade features at the pool this season through some type of fundraiser outside of the annual budget. Vermace will meet with Nimrod before the next meeting to discuss.

In reports from the various departments, Nimrod informed the Board that Wayside Ice Rink had not been able to open yet and cross-country ski trails had not been groomed yet due to the unseasonably warm weather. New playground apparatus was being planned for Vennehjem Park, spearheaded through a neighborhood fundraiser. The Recreation Department will have an intern during the second semester from the University of Northern Iowa and campground staff have been working on splitting wood for next season.

The next Board meeting was set for 7:00pm, January 17, 2019.

Bakken motioned to adjourn, Vermace seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Nimrod

Director

Decorah Parks and Recreation