

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

**7:00pm, Thursday, October 25, 2018, Decorah City Hall**

*Chairman Rich Gaard called the meeting to order at 7:01pm, present was Cindy Albers, Kathy Bakken, Jeff O’Gara, Shirley Vermace and Andy Nimrod, Director.*

*Public comment: Nimrod updated the Board on a meeting he had with members of the V.F.W. regarding a memorial and that they would prefer City Hall over a park at this time. Nimrod also shared the Community Visioning plans and will email the Board the full report.*

*Bakken motioned, and O’Gara seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018 meeting, all approved.*

*The Board reviewed financial reports and a budget proposal from Director Nimrod and Nathan Thompson of RC&D for the Great Places Grant application. O’Gara motioned, and Bakken seconded a motion to approve the budget proposal as presented that will include using proceeds from both endowments, Memorial Fund money and Hotel Motel funds, all approved.*

*Department reports:*

*Parks: Nimrod reported that the new walkway at Dunning’s Spring was coming along and that the crew had suspended further work until spring. The overlook in Phelps is about 80% complete and should be finished up in about a week. Future work will need to include raising some of the wall height to match the overlook.*

*Recreation: The Board looked at a report from Recreation Superintendent Erika Randall that included a new schedule of events including a Middle School Dodgeball Tournament, Hoopsters and Sharpshooters basketball programs, the annual Turkey Shoot, Adult Leagues and open gyms.*

*Campground: Most of the campground will be closing October 31 although Campground Superintendent Vande Krol is planning to keep some sites open on the Twin Springs side through the first weekend in November if the weather holds.*

*In other business Nimrod reported that there was an increase in the number of requests to bow hunt for deer in the Carlson property and that he would like to have a firm plan that is endorsed by the Board in place for next year. Nimrod also reported that the Task Force of school district and city officials had not met since the last time the Board had met but that a meeting was coming up.*

*The next Park-Rec. Board meeting was set for 7:00pm, November 15, 2018. Bakken motioned to adjourn, Vermace seconded, all approved.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Andy Nimrod*

*Director*

*Decorah Parks and Recreation*