

MINUTES: DECORAH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

7:00 pm, Thursday, August 22, 2019, Decorah City Hall

Chairman Rich Gaard opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Board members Cindy Albers, Kathy Bakken, Jeff O’Gara, and Shirley Vermace were present. Others in attendance included Parks Assistant Jon Geiger, Director Andy Nimrod, and Alliant Energy employees Dustin Mohs and Rick Zimmerman. There was no public comment.

Dustin Mohs from Alliant Energy introduced Rick Zimmerman, a project manager for Alliant, who shared information addressing questions the Board had at the July meeting. During the meeting Zimmerman called Enel-X, the company that makes the battery, and had them help address the safety concerns in a conference call with the Board. The company could not provide an example of putting a battery like this in a park, but they had multiple battery sites located at schools. The Board asked if Alliant would handle any zoning regulations/requests and Mohs indicated that they would. The Board directed Nimrod to see if a contract could be negotiated for them to consider at the September Board meeting.

The Board reviewed financial reports and briefly discussed capital improvements and how the Iowa Great Places Grant and a Master Plan for Carlson Park could be funded.

Geiger shared some of the projects that parks staff had been working on. The Board showed interest in hosting a grand opening of the bridge at Dunning’s Spring as soon as the railing was installed.

Gaard reported that he had hosted a fun Park-Rec. week-long golf camp at the end of the summer for kids. It was very popular and he hoped to be able to do it again next year.

O’Gara motioned to adjourn, Albers seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Nimrod

Director

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