

MINUTES: DECORAH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

8:00pm, Thursday, September 26, 2019, Decorah City Hall

Chairman Rich Gaard opened the meeting at 8:08 pm. Board members Cindy Albers, Jeff O’Gara, and Kathy Bakken were present along with DPR Director Andy Nimrod.

Nimrod reported that he had received favorable public comments about the new kiosk/bench at the entrance to Van Peenen Park which was a project by a local Eagle Scout. He will be coming to the October meeting to give a report as part of the Eagle Scout program.

O’Gara noted that there is a porta pot near the old community garden spot on the Trout Run Trail and that he had witnessed an accident there when someone opening the door onto the trail and right into a biker who was going by. Staff will check on the placement of the porta pot and will let school officials know to put it further off the trail in the future.

O’Gara motioned to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2019 and August 22, 2019 meetings, Bakken seconded, all approved.

The Board discussed the offer from Alliant on a battery storage area in the southeast corner of Vennehjem Park. O’Gara motioned to accept the offer from Alliant subject to a review of the lease from the City Attorney, Albers seconded, all approved.

The Board discussed meeting with the Northeast Iowa Community Foundation about finding ways to publicize the endowment. Nimrod and Gaard will be meeting the new marketing coordinator for the Foundation at an upcoming meeting and will see about setting up a meeting with the Decorah Parks and Recreation Board.

Department reports:

- The wall in Phelps is nearing completion*
- Touch a Truck is October 5*
- Staff is working on painting the pool basin*
- Pulpit Rock Campground continues to be full every weekend*

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

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Nimrod

Director

Decorah Parks and Recreation