

MINUTES: DECORAH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

7:00pm, Thursday, January 16, 2020, Decorah City Hall

Attendance: Board members Rich Gaard, Kathy Bakken, Shirley Vermace, Brian Fuhrmann and Director Andy Nimrod.

Chairman Gaard opened the meeting at 7:00pm, there was no public comment.

Election of officers for 2020: Bakken motioned for Gaard to remain as Chair, Vermace seconded and all approved. Bakken motioned that Vermace be vice chair, Fuhrmann seconded and all approved.

Bakken motioned to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2019 Board meeting, Fuhrmann seconded, all approved.

Yearly review for Board planning and procedures: Gaard asked if there would be a way to compile a list of park-rec policies that the Board could keep with their Board information, Nimrod will look into it with staff. The Board discussed putting together a goal setting plan much like what the city council is currently working on. They asked Nimrod to come up with a way for staff and Board members to create a list of goals that could be discussed and prioritized at the February meeting.

Financial matters: Nimrod reported that 25% (\$1,888) of the 2019 proceeds from the permanent endowment had been reinvested in the fund as directed by Board policy and that the remaining 75% (\$5,666) of the 2019 proceeds had been removed to use as part of the Iowa Great Places grant match. The Board also looked over the proposed budget items for fiscal year 2021 and were informed that the city council's budget meeting was set for January 21, 4:00pm.

Department reports:

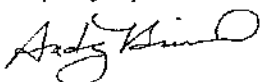
- *The annual New Year's Eve Bash was held again at Luther College this year with nearly 500 individuals attending. This event was sponsored by Decorah Bank & Trust and Gundersen Health System.*
- *Middle School Bowling and Biddy Basketball programs begin in January.*
- *The Ice Rink is scheduled to open January 17.*

Other business:

- *The public hearing for the battery site at Vennehjem Park will be at the January 21 council meeting.*
- *The landscape architect that was hired to sketch out a plan for Mary Christopher Park and Dry Run Plaza will be looking at those projects on January 23.*
- *Nimrod reported that he had met a second time with Fair Board members about a potential partnership in a community building at the Fairgrounds.*
- *Parks and Recreation is scheduled to give its annual department report to the council on February 17.*

Bakken motioned to adjourn, Vermace seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Nimrod

Director

Decorah Parks and Recreation