

SUMMARY
DES MOINES PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
5:00 p.m., May 28, 2019
Richard A. Clark Municipal Service Center
Board Room

The Des Moines Parks and Recreation Board took the following action on items listed in the attached meeting agenda summary. Copies of resolutions may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation Office 237-1403. Please refer to the five-digit resolution number when requesting information or copies. Any item requiring a roll call was taken by voice vote. For purposes of condensation, roll calls will only be broken down in the minutes when the actual vote was not unanimous.

#19-043 ROLL CALL
Present: Davis, Ogle, Sayers, Nassif
Potter, Thompson, Woodard, Bollard
Pugh, Fanter, Vilmain, Lohmeier
Anderson (5:30)
Absent: Facto, Boggus

#19-044 APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND/OR AMENDED
Motion by Woodard to approve agenda as presented
Second by Potter
Motion carried

DISCUSSION AGENDA

MINUTES

#19-045 Minutes of April 23, 2019 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Motion by Woodard to accept the April 23, 2019 Parks and Recreation
Board meeting minutes
Second by Potter
Motion carried

BOARD ACTION

#19-046 Chapter 34 Fees
No changes from last month.

Motion by Bollard to approve Chapter 34 fees as presented
Second by Potter
Motion carried

#19-047 Trails and Greenways Committee By-Laws
Page advised that the four sub-committees were asked to update committee rules. Jenny Richmond was present for any questions.

Motion by Potter to approve the trails and greenways committee by-laws
Second by Woodard
Motion carried

RECEIVE AND FILE

#19-048 Chapter 74
Page requested comments from board. Brown provided a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the major changes.

Davis suggested sports complexes be open until mid-night, Savage, Cownie Soccer/Baseball, and Greater Des Moines Softball Complex.

Ogle asked if hours can be different than listed. Page advised that the director can permit it on a temporary basis.

Section 74-116 Tobacco at parks be prohibited. This also includes vaping. Potter asked if this included golf courses. Golf courses are included. Page advised it is a recommendation for all park facilities and would be self-policed. Nassif asked if chewing products are also banned. Page advised it is a health issue. Davis stated this is a positive statement. Davis asked if anyone is opposed. Bollard stated it is a big challenge. Bollard stated enforcement would be a problem. Page stated it gives us a tool to limit. Fanter asked what is the penalty. DiDonato stated it is considered a simple misdemeanor, there could be a fine. Potter asked what is the rule on golf courses. Page stated it is 25 feet from the building. Golf course management is willing to try it. Davis has talked to umpires, and they did not have a problem with it.

Ogle asked if there could be some exceptions with live music events. DiDonato stated there would be no exceptions as written. Davis asked about rules if in a personal car. DiDonato stated you are still in the park. Bollard said the biggest challenge would be at a golf course.

A change in rental rates for shelters will differentiate between weekday and weekend fees.

Fanter wanted to confirm that research was done that these are appropriate fees. The City's Equity Coordinator reviewed this and was fine with the fees.

Woodard asked when the fees were changed for shelter rentals. Brown stated it was three or four years ago. Brown stated the prices were tiered according to size. Davis asked if director can waive the fees. Page stated a fee waiver report is presented to the city manager annually.

Proposing to allow alcohol use at all enclosed shelters to be consistent. Ogle asked if it requires a permit. Page stated a permit is not needed if you are providing it and not being sold, no glass, or kegs are allowed.

There will be some changes made regarding neighborhood signs in parks.

Brown went over the approval process. Revisions will be made and bring it back for board approval. After approval, will be presented to City Council for up to three readings. Page suggested board members to attend the council meeting for support. Davis requested board to review before next meeting.

Bollard advised that the city needs to be more mindful of vendor placement in the parks. Page stated it is a policy decision.

Motion by Potter to receive and file the proposed changes to Chapter 74
Second by Nassif
Motion carried

- #19-049** Slate of Officers
Pugh, provided the slate of officers: George Davis, Chair; Andrea Woodard, Vice-Chair; Cynde Fanter, Bill Thompson and Sarah Lohmeier board members

Motion by Bollard to receive and file slate of officers
Second by Potter
Motion carried

REPORT OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Brown provided a flood update. Saturated ground is impacting most of the trails. Gray's Lake is closed for trail resurfacing and flooding. Gray's Lake will be closed for another month. Fleur Drive closing at 7:00 p.m. Fanter asked about tunnel. Brown stated flooding will delay all the projects.
- Due to staff shortages, wading pools are on a closing rotation. Ogle asked about flexibility with aquatic wages. Page stated it is not feasible this season but a possibility for next budget cycle. The vision is to replace them with spraygrounds. Davis suggested promoting spraygrounds.

Page reported receiving some comments on the appearance of the Masonic Cemetery. This section is not the parks responsibility. Received no complaints on parks or pools.

Report of Chair of Board and Committees

- Urban Conservation committee – (Woodard, Facto)
No report
- Citizen Golf Advisory committee – (Nassif, Vilmain)
No report
- Citizen Cemetery Advisory committee – (Potter)
Wreaths Across America pamphlet
- Trails and Greenways – (Lohmeier, Bollard)
No report

- #19-050** **ADJOURNMENT**
Meeting adjourned