

MARION PARK BOARD MINUTES

March 11, 2015, 4:00 P.M.

Thomas Park Administration and Operations Facility

ROLL CALL: Chair Patty Wise, Charles Kress, John McIntosh, Kyle Martin, Terry Sperl

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Mike Carolan, Karlene Hummel, Aaron VanMilligan, Darcie Coberly

GUESTS: Beth Little

Minutes

Moved by Wise and seconded by Kress to approve the February 4, 2015, Park Board minutes. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports

Moved by McIntosh and seconded by Sperl to approve the January and February Financial Reports. Expenditures are at 50 percent of budget for the Arts Council compared to 29 percent a year ago due to an increase in activities they are supporting. Pavilion revenue is down over last year, but is starting to pick up. Revenues for the Safe Room, Arts and Environmental Center Rentals, Amphitheater, and Cemetery space sales are all up. Registrations for the Farmers' Market are coming in slow as reflected by the revenue; \$120 this fiscal year-to-date compared to \$600 in the prior fiscal year. All in favor, motion carried.

The February Purchase Order Report was reviewed and accepted.

Public Input

None

Pool Chair Lift Bids

The current budget includes \$4,600 in capital outlay for a chair lift at the training pool that is required for ADA compliance for pool entry. Hummel solicited bids for a Pathfinder pool lift with 300 pound capacity from Pool Tech Midwest (Cedar Rapids) \$3,344, RehabMart (Elberton, GA) \$3,356.22, and Patient Lift USA (Mason, OH) \$3,430. Moved by Kress and seconded by Martin to approve the purchase of a Pathfinder pool lift with 300 pound capacity from Pool Tech Midwest (Cedar Rapids) for \$3,344. All in favor, motion carried.

Pool Heater Bids

The FY 2014-15 budget includes \$17,000 in equipment reserve for the replacement of the pool heater. Hummel solicited bids for a 97 percent efficient Raypak Xtherm P2005 heater from Brecke Mechanical Contractors (Cedar Rapids) \$43,600, ACCO Unlimited Corp (Johnston, IA) \$45,585, and Hanna Plumbing and Heating Inc (Marion) \$48,500. Hummel said the prices of the heaters increased dramatically after the budget was set because the manufacturers changed the way they build the heaters to make them more energy efficient. Hummel recommends to accept the bid from Brecke; the department has a good working relationship with the company and they are the low bidder. Moved by Wise and seconded by McIntosh to approve the purchase of a 97 percent efficient Raypak Xtherm P2005 heater from Brecke Mechanical Contractors (Cedar Rapids) for

\$43,600. Carolan stated that the amount over the budget will be funded by the allocated \$100,000 LOST funding for pool repairs; of that amount, there is \$28,241.05 remaining for the heater purchase. Kress asked about rebates. Carolan replied that staff will be exploring rebate options for this and other department initiatives. All in favor, motion carried.

Fitness Trail Exercise Equipment

The current budget includes \$30,000 in the capital projects fund for the purchase of exercise equipment for a fitness trail in Hanna Park. The department has also received a \$10,000 donation from the Marion Metro Kiwanis for this project. VanMilligan received bids from Boland Recreation (Marshalltown) offering Greenfield Outdoor Fitness equipment in the amount of \$28,905, from Sterling West (Gothenburg, NE) offering Norwell Fitness equipment in the amount of \$29,795, and Xccent Fitness (Wyoming, MN) equipment in the amount of \$21,899. As VanMilligan was researching the different products offered, he looked at durability, ease of use, and handicap accessibility; he found the products offered by Greenfield Outdoor Fitness met these requirements and recommends to accept the bid from Boland Recreation. Moved by Wise and seconded by Martin to approve the purchase of exercise equipment for a fitness trail Hanna Park from Boland Recreation offering Greenfield Outdoor Fitness equipment for \$28,905. Wise asked where the equipment will be placed in Hanna Park. VanMilligan said there will be three pods of equipment with the first one closer to Oak Shade Cemetery and the other two spaced out towards the playground area. Martin asked about the warranty. VanMilligan indicated the equipment has a three year warranty. Carolan said this will be a multi-phased project that will see the fitness trail going on around to the ball diamond. Wise asked about the timeframe and VanMilligan advised delivery will be in May, installation during May and June, with a goal to be completed by the beginning of July. All in favor, motion carried.

Lowe Greenhouse Operations Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The MOU was amended with the requested changes by the Linn County Extension and no additional requests were received. Moved by McIntosh and seconded by Kress to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Linn County Extension (Master Gardener Program) for nonexclusive use of the Lowe Park Greenhouse. No further discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

Receive and File Fee Reduction or Waiver Requests

The following items were received and filed, with action to be taken at the April Park Board meeting:

Request for rental fee reduction from Rotary Club of Marion East Cedar Rapids, Pat Quinn, June 13, 2015, 6 to 11 p.m. Lowe Park Amphitheater.

Request to waive pavilion fees for CROP Walk, Ellen Fisher, October 11, 2015, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thomas Park English Pavilion.

Request for rental fee reduction from Marion First United Methodist Church, Brad Peyton, June 28, 2015, 4 to 10 p.m., Lowe Park Amphitheater.

Other Receive and File

The monthly staff report was received and filed. No discussion.

The 2014 Parks & Recreation Annual Report was received and filed. No discussion.

Other

Kona Ice has contacted Carolan about vending flavored shaved ice again in the parks. They were well received in 2014 and would like to request the opportunity to be allowed to return for 2015 in Thomas Park and add appearances at Starry and Lowe ball diamonds. They will make a presentation at the next Park Board meeting.

Board Discussion Time

Speral noted that the new bricks in and around City Square Park are uneven. Staff said they would take a look at them.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 4 p.m. at the Thomas Park Administration and Operations Building.

Kyle Martin, Secretary