

PLEASANT HILL PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
October 14, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice- Chair Peg Haag called the regular session of the Pleasant Hill Park and Recreation Commission to order on October 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers.

Present: Commission Members: Peg Haag, Ann Howard, Matt Palazzo, and Jarod Smith. Absent: Barb Stirling, Tim Grover, and Mike Worden.

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 MINUTES

Smith/Palazzo moved to approve the September 9, 2010 minutes as presented. Ayes: Haag, Howard, Palazzo, Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. TIME TO ADDRESS COMMISSION

Don and Janelle Adams, P.O. Box 226, Waukee, IA addressed the commission asking for a reduced rate or fee waiver for use of the Youth Center on November 13, 2010. They will be holding a fund raiser on that evening to help defray costs of adoption. Smith/Howard moved to waive the fee for the Youth Center rental on November 13, 2010. Ayes: Haag, Howard, Palazzo, Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of Trout Fishing Program – Ben Dodd, Fishery Biologist with the Iowa DNR discussed the possibility of stocking Copper Creek Lake with trout. The lake is a good area for trout stocking as the water quality is good and there is great shoreline access. Potential issues are parking and if ice fishing will be allowed. The DNR is also willing to partner with the city to hold an event after the lake is stocked to encourage trout fishing. A fishing license would be required as well as a trout stamp for adults. Kids under the age of 16 are allowed to trout fish with a licensed adult without an additional license. This would allow a total of 5 trout per day.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5a. Ordinance: Ice Fishing – Park and Recreation Supervisor Heath Ellis discussed the proposed change to City Ordinance 47.12 to allow ice fishing on city owned park waterways. Howard/Smith moved to amend Chapter 47 Park Regulations – Ice Fishing, 47.12 to read “Traversing the ice on City-owned park waterways shall be prohibited EXCEPT for those with or accompanied by one who has a valid fishing license.” Ayes: Haag, Howard, Palazzo, Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6a. Park & Recreation Budget Review – A compilation of the Commissioners recommendations for CIP priorities was distributed. Park & Recreation Supervisor Ellis asked that Commissioners prioritize their top 5 CIP priorities for 2011/2012 budget. This list will be given to the City Manager for use in preparing the budget for the next fiscal year.

7. CHAIR PERSON REPORT

Vice-Chair Haag reported that the next regularly scheduled meeting is November 11, 2010. That is a holiday for city employees. Meeting is rescheduled for Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

9. STAFF REPORTS

The great weather is helping with the progress at Doanes Park. The lower soccer fields have been graded, seeded and irrigated. The upper fields have the sod down; the final perimeter grading will be done next spring. Work is continuing on the baseball fields.

The additional parking lot at the Library is complete and Park and Recreation staff have assisted with the work as well as a bio-retention area. Planting is done in the front of City Hall.

Preparation for winter is continuing.

Recreation Coordinator Rick Courcier reported that planning for Hill of Lights is continuing. A couple of new activities will be included this year.

Dance classes and dog obedience classes are continuing. At this time, no new programs are being added since the Youth Center is used on a regular basis, not allowing for several weeks at a time to be reserved.

Halloween Party is October 22 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Youth Center.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Smith/Howard moved to adjourn. Ayes: Haag, Howard, Palazzo, Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Cindy Konrad
Recording Secretary