

Ankeny Park Board Meeting
August 28, 2017
Parks & Recreation Office

Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order: Chairperson Amber Angaran called the Park Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All board members were present. Nick Lenox and Leslie Reab represented City of Ankeny staff.

Approval of Minutes: The June meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with a motion from Jim Hallihan and a second from Nichoel Church. All approved.

Fall/Winter Program Guide: Lenox provided the board members with a copy of the 2017 Fall/Winter Program Guide. The guides were mailed to Ankeny residents the week of August 7. The Communications Department suggested a smaller program guide and designed a 5 ½ x 8 ½ size guide, which saved over \$500 on the mailing. Activity content was condensed to fit the smaller design with full information available on the Parks & Recreation registration website. Lenox informed the board advertisers stayed the same as previous years and no push back was received for the smaller ads.

Lenox asked the Engineering Department to work on creating a parks map that could be used in future guides. Josh Craighead recommend a mobile app that would allow people to access the park location and information more conveniently. Lenox will look into if a mobile app would be possible. Lisa McDaniel recommended giving recognition to Ankeny citizens by adding captions to photos used in the guide.

Otter Creek Park – Parking Lot Construction: A letter was drafted and mailed to residents adjacent to residents of Otter Creek Park notifying them of the Otter Creek Park Parking Lot project. The project includes the removal of existing sidewalk, construction of a 17 stall parking lot, and adjoining trail on the NW corner of Otter Creek Park, north of NE 36th Street and east of NE Delaware Avenue. Construction will begin mid to late September and will be completed within 30 days, weather dependent. The addition of this parking lot will allow more residents and youth sports teams to utilize the playground and green space, as well as alleviate parking issues on Bellagio Circle.

Fall Projects: Lenox gave a parks projects update. Parks Department received three semi loads of engineered mulch which will be used to replace sand at playgrounds. Installation of Crestbruck Park's splash pad and resurfacing of the tennis courts at Green Tree Park have been completed. The Regional Trail Signage will be ordered within the next week and installed by the Parks Department staff. The Parks Department staff is currently installing a 6' path in the small dog area of the Dog Park. Other project updates included new soccer backstop on field #21, footings replaced on field's #1-4, drinking fountain installed at the soccer concession stand and the re-wrapping of fencing on the softball batting cages.

Director's Report: Lenox informed the board Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center has closed for the season and Cascade Falls will remain open weekends only through Labor Day. The rec pool and swirl bowl at Cascade Falls will be painted this fall. Hawkeye Park concession stand restroom will undergo a \$17,000 renovation with necessary changes made to meet ADA standards.

Lenox asked board members to email him if they are interested in being a member of the Parks & Facilities Comprehensive Plan Committee. The Plan will be updated and adopted by June 1, 2018. Lenox also invited board members to attend the Deer Creek Park public meeting tentatively scheduled for October 12. This meeting will give neighboring residents of Deer Creek an opportunity to take a survey and give input on what park amenities they would like to see constructed. Lenox will invite neighbors back in December where they can vote on three different concepts designed by landscaping companies.

Chairperson's Report – Amber Angaran: Amber gave board members possible dates for the Annual Parks Tour. October 5 from 2-5pm was decided upon. Board members are to email Lenox locations they would like to visit on the tour.

Board Member Reports:

- Church: No report.
- Craighead: No report.
- Hade: No report.
- Hallihan: Jim reported fall Miracle League is underway and encouraged board members to volunteer as Angels, if they have not already done so.
- McDaniel: Lisa was approached by Hubbell Realty inquiring if there are future parks or trails plans along Magazine Rd in the Prairie Trail development. Lenox will provide Lisa a copy of the Prairie Trail Parks & Trails Plan to share with Hubbell Realty.
- Scherle: No report.

Board Representative @ September 18 Council Meeting: Lisa McDaniel will represent Park Board at the Council meeting.

Adjournment: Craighead moved meeting adjournment and McDaniel provided the second. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. by standing vote.

Minutes Reported By: Leslie Reab, Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant