

Ankeny Park Board Meeting
January 28, 2019
Parks & Recreation Conference Room

Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order: Chair Nichol Church called the Park Board meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. All board members were present. Nick Lenox, Ryan Harkema and Leslie Reab represented City of Ankeny staff.

Approval of Minutes: The November meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with a motion from Lisa McDaniel and a second from Josh Craighead. All approved.

Special Presentation: Jim Hallihan Service Recognition: Nichol Church presented Jim Hallihan a plaque in recognition of his years of service as a Park Board member. Lenox thanked Jim for his time and interaction with the Parks & Recreation Department, including Miracle League and the Youth Triathlon.

Action Item: 2019 Parks & Facilities Comprehensive Plan: A Parks & Facilities Comprehensive Plan Public Information Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 23. Confluence provided meeting goers an overview of the Plan's planning process and the results. Lenox informed the Board he has been reviewing the Plan's final draft, making minor adjustments and reviewing the proposed recommendations. Lenox gave a brief summary and stated high priority items included in the Plan are expansion of the Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center and Sports Complex, development of a central park, senior center and a recreation center. Lenox stated once Park Board recommends approval, the Plan will be brought to the City Council meeting on February 18 for approval. Josh Craighead moved approval of the 2019 Parks & Facilities Comprehensive Plan and a second from Jim Hallihan. All approved.

2019 Park & Recreation Capital Improvement Projects: Lenox updated the board regarding all of the planned and approved department projects through the City's 2019 Capital Improvement Program. Lenox noted the majority of the Park Development Fund that will be used to replace the Crestbrook Park trail and at Hawkeye Park to dredge the pond, repair the pond's outlet structure, repair the walking path and add a fishing pier. Lenox also highlighted other projects which will include installing baby swings at Otter Creek Park, installing a shelter at White Birch Park.

Director's Report: Lenox reported that Mayor Gary Lorenz is currently reviewing applications for the Park Board vacancy. Lenox hopes to have Hallihan's replacement appointed by the March Board meeting.

Chairperson's Report – Nichol Church: Church informed the board that January will be her last meeting as Chair and current board member Lisa McDaniel has been named as her replacement. Church also stated Economic Development Director Derek Lord will be attending the February Park Board meeting to give a bike and tourism presentation.

Board Member Reports: Board members thanked Jim Hallihan for his years of service on the Board.

- Angaran: No report.

- Craighead: No report.
- Hade: No report.
- Hallihan: Jim reminded everyone that the annual Miracle Gala will take place on February 2nd and that tickets can still be purchased online if they would like to do so.
- McDaniel: No report.
- Scherle: No report.

Board Representative @ February 18 Council Meeting: Josh Craighead will represent Park Board at the Council meeting.

Adjournment: Amber Angaran moved meeting adjournment and Chad Hade provided the second. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. by standing vote.

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