

City of Maquoketa  
Parks Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.  
Maquoketa YMCA  
Minutes

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call – Jon Hopson, Chris Goekel, Ron Horan, Leo Biehl, Kevin Kuhlmann, Carol Hammill, Scott Warren and Mallory Smith
3. Approval Of Agenda – Motioned by Ron, Seconded by Kevin Kuhlmann
4. Audience – no audience in attendance or via phone
5. Horseshoe Pond Rental Policy – Mallory Smith reviewed the request for full campground rental for three nights. Discussion was heard and motion was made – ‘The City of Maquoketa will allow groups to rent the entire campground for a period not to exceed 2 weeks. Full price, \$17 \* 22 spots/night for on-season camping, 25% discount for off-season camping.’ Reservations will be taken through city hall via phone or in person with city staff working toward taking reservations via on-line service in the future. Re. the group requesting to rent the campground in September, Mallory has been afforded more flexibility in negotiating pricing. Mallory will prepare group rental pricing recommendations for parks to review.
6. Horseshoe Pond - Scott
  - a. Dog Park update – fence is up but we still have two gates that have gaps that are large enough for dogs to get through – payment won’t be made until the gaps have been addressed. Five benches are on order as well as recognition – installation as per public works schedule. Public works installed a fence at the end of the walkway going down to the pond. They will install three garbage cans, remove the RR ties. Volunteers will install ‘bone’ recognition once it’s ready as well as install an area for dirt to fill holes dug.
  - b. Additional Funding opportunities – we continue to raise funds for two additional benches, play features and a doggie washing/drinking station by the restrooms.
  - c. Scott added that we will also need to consider roadside signage. Mallory recommended we add the dog park to google place and list the campground/dog park on ‘the dirt’ camping website.
7. Baseball Field Remaining Work – Jon reported that the foul poles have been straightened – painting is still needed. He also reported that we need to trench to get power back to the scoreboards. Chris will look into the possibility of converting them to remote scoreboards so trenching isn’t needed. Mallory recommended we look for schools that are replacing their scoreboards and look to acquire. Scott reported that we still have fencing to install – he’s working with John Deere to see if they can do a volunteer day. Ron recommended we look into the fall for another volunteer workday to replace more fencing.
8. Skate Park update – Kevin reported that he has a call into Craig at the HS re. the ramp they’re working on completing. He will get additional information about replacing the fencing around the skate park.
9. 5<sup>th</sup> Ward basketball court – Jon reported that the blacktop has been fixed. He will work to have lines added to the court.

10. 1<sup>st</sup> Ward restroom update – Jon will work with Frank to prepare an RFP for a spring 2022 renovation.
11. Parks Equipment Purchases – Scott and Jon reviewed placement of two double swings at 5<sup>th</sup> Ward and 1<sup>st</sup> Ward and one slide at Burlingame. Jon will get it on the work schedule.
12. Outstanding Work to Parks – Safety Concerns, Maintenance, Capital Items
  - a. All parks board members report on parks needs from walkthroughs – Ron reported that Liffle Bear has some fencing that needs to be repaired and painting touch-ups. He’s also getting some complaints/concerns re. the lack of equipment at Crawford.
  - b. Security Needs based on incidents in parks – Leo will reach out to Chief to do walkthrough and determine safety concerns and will bring back to the board for consideration on next steps at our July meeting. The warming shelter at Horseshoe Pond was brought up as a concern – it was agreed to remove the shelter for safety concerns.
13. CIP Update – Scott reported that we have \$30,000 new dollars for the 2021/22 fiscal year. Mallory shared that the CIP spreadsheets will be updated for ease of understanding.
14. Other Business – Scott shared where things were left with the RC Park. It was agreed that we’ll ask Shane to join us for our July meeting to give an update.
15. Adjourn

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. at the YMCA