

MINUTES
Moline Park & Recreation Board
Thursday, August 22, 2013



PRESENT:

PARK BOARD MEMBERS:

Carrie Bull
Roger Clawson
Nichole Jones
Dan McNeil
Chip Nelson
Deb Petersen
Lauren Schrier

PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor Scott Raes
Alderman Dick Brown, Liaison to Park Board

STAFF:

Laura Duran, Parks Recreation Director
Doug House, Municipal Services Manager
Rodd Schick, Park Operations Manager
Todd Slater, Cemetery Manager
Michael Waldron, Public Works Director

OTHERS:

Harris Elias, Friends of Of Road Cycling
Kathy Storm
Press: WQAD, KWQC, Dispatch-Argus

Park Board President Chip Nelson, called the meeting to order at 3:30p.m.

PRESENTATION

Laura Duran presented a synopsis of the Sylvan Bridge Inspection report, noting that it confirmed staff's decision to close the bridge in April. The report outline cost estimates of both repair or replacement of the structure, giving a recommendation to replace. Staff also recommends replacement with the 12' wide prefabricated pedestrian bridge that would be rated to allow emergency and maintenance vehicles to access the island as needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harris Elias expressed interest in utilizing the MidAmerican owned bridge upstream to access the island.

Kathy Storm, a road cyclist and snowshoer, frequently takes groups to the island for snowshoeing and encouraged the Park Board to find a way to restore public access to the island as soon as possible.

Staff distributed copies of the final Sylvan Island Pedestrian Bridge Inspection Report and requested that Park Board motion to accept the recommendation of the report and of staff for replacement.

No motion was made.

Dan McNeil asked that the board have time to digest the report and provide time for input from the community, specifically for those that want to repair the bridge for historical significance have time to present the Park Board with solutions, funding sources, and a time frame.

Staff plans to set a special meeting within the next two weeks for public comment and for Park Board to make a recommendation to Moline City Council.

UPDATES

Director's Report. Duran reported that with City Council's approval, Bi-State submitted a grant application on behalf of the City for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program for the Sylvan Bridge Replacement. International Softball Congress, August 10-17 was successful, with players from 9 countries. The Running Dead 5K fundraiser continues to develop and is looking for volunteers and sponsors.

Park Maintenance Report. Schick reported that they are getting back to regular maintenance following the tournament wrap-up.

Cemetery Report. Duran reported that the Angel of Hope project at Moline Memorial is gathering traction as there has been an update to the design.

CONSENT AGENDA

Deb Petersen requested that Item #2 be moved off of the consent agenda and on to the non consent where it will be considered as Item #1 so that the minutes be amended to include that the Niche Cabinet include landscaping and benches, and the Riverside Parking Lot Project include a park sign that coordinates with the city sign plan.

1. Approval of Minutes of the July 25, 2013 Moline Park and Recreation Board Meeting
2. Approval and acceptance of departmental July/August bill payments and departmental July/August revenue, expenditures, capitol projects, park reserve and cemetery reports

Omnibus Vote: Nichole Jones, seconded by Deb Petersen, moved to approve these items by omnibus vote. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

1. Lauren Schrier motioned to approval of Minutes of the August 8, 2013 Moline Park and Recreation Board Special Meeting, with the additions recommended by Deb Petersen. Carrie Bull seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
2. Nichole Jones motioned to approve the adoption of a \$50 application fee for Special Use of Parks Applications, increasing the rental of small shelters to \$40, and reducing the Riverside Aquatics Center general admission to \$4. Roger Clawson Seconded the motion. Staff noted that other admissions and pass fees would be adjusted accordingly. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Carrie Bull, seconded by, Deb Petersen and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan McNeil
Secretary, Moline Park and Recreation Board