

MINUTES  
Moline Park & Recreation Board  
Thursday, September 26, 2013



**PRESENT:**

**PARK BOARD MEMBERS:**

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

**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  
Michael Waldron, Public Works Director

**OTHERS:**

Patrick Dickens, Action Valley Paintball  
Press

Park Board President Chip Nelson, called the meeting to order at 4:25p.m.

**PRESENTATION**

Laura Duran presented a proposal from Patrick Dickens of Action Valley Paintball to lease space at Green Valley Park for purposes of operating a paintball facility. Staff will continue to work with Dickens to develop a lease agreement to bring back to Park Board at a future meeting. Deb Petersen noted that insurance could be costly. Carrie Bull expressed concerns with foul language during play so close to the soccer fields. Roger Clawson recommended port-a-potties near the site.

Duran presented a report of trail counting devices that were utilized during the month of July in three locations on trails in the Moline trails system. The report also included a trail survey tool that was developed and tested over the summer by a park intern. The trail counters will be utilized periodically to monitor trail use.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**UPDATES**

Director's Report. Duran reported the change City Council made in the way the Tourism Tax is collected and the negative impact that might have on park tourism projects in the future. She also reported that the Park Tax Levy is being reduced in 2014 budget with the general fund supplementing the difference. This is primarily due to the increase in pension funding needs. Board members expressed serious concerns with these changes and Chip Nelson requested Duran set a meeting with the City Administrator to discuss the changes and the impacts.

Park Maintenance Report. Schick reported that they have been doing extensive cleanup at Ben Butterworth Parkway and at Riverside Park. Approximately 300 trees were planted at Green Valley Park in the vicinity of the old Veterans ball diamond area by the Young Professionals Group in conjunction with Living Lands and Waters.

Cemetery Report. Duran reported that the cemetery has had a good pre-need sale month.

### **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 August 22, 2013 Moline Park and Recreation Board Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes of the August 30, 2013 Moline Park and Recreation Special Board Meeting
3. Approval and acceptance of departmental August/September bill payments and departmental August/September revenue, expenditures, capitol projects, park reserve and cemetery reports
4. Approval of a Special Use Application for Seton/Jordan Schools to utilize Riverside Park for a track meet/two mile race in park. The event is to be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, from 3:00pm until 6:30pm.
5. Approval of a Special Use Application for the Two Rivers YMCA to utilize the riverfront green space areas between the Arsenal Island overpass and the Two Rivers YMCA Rowing Club for the 2013 Trinity Q.C. Classic Regatta. The event is to be set-up on Friday October 11, 2012 and held on Saturday October 12, 2012. The event also requests use and delivery of park-owned bleachers and aluminum picnic tables.

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

### **NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Nichole Jones motioned to approve Team Reil to provide new playground equipment at Optimist Park and Miss Patties Park according to staff's recommendation. Carrie Bull seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
2. Deb Petersen motioned to accept a zero interest loan from the tourism fund with a 10 year payback for lighting replacement at Milt Hand Softball Complex at Green Valley Park. Dan McNeil seconded the motion. Ayes- Nichole Jones, Dan McNeil, Roger Clawson, Carrie Bull. Nays- Deb Petersen. The motion carried 4-1.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Carrie Bull, seconded by, Roger Clawson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dan McNeil  
Secretary, Moline Park and Recreation Board