

Meeting No. 15-5

**CITY OF BONDURANT**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**MINUTES**

**April 16, 2015**

A Regular meeting of the City of Bondurant Parks and Recreation Board and City Council was held at City Hall, 200 2nd Street, Northeast, Polk County, Iowa on April 16, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Board Chair Joe Van Horn  
Board Member Jessi Cassler  
Board Member Jason Holst  
Board Member Kari Gipple  
Board Member Bryant Arns  
Board Member Marian Collison  
Board Member Michele Hartzler  
Administrative Assistant Misty Richardson-Kugler  
Recreation Coordinator Shelby Hagan  
City Administrator Mark Arentsen

Absent: Board Member Bryant Arns

Notice of the meeting was posted at the Bondurant City Center, Casey's General Stores, Legacy Bank and the Bondurant Post Office on April 14, 2015. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Board Chair Joe Van Horn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Board Member Holst, seconded by Board Member Hartzler, to approve the April 16, 2015 agenda as presented, Roll call: Ayes 6. Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Board Member Cassler, seconded by Board Member Gipple, to approve the Parks and Recreation Board Minutes from March 19, 2015. Roll call: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Wellmark Match Grant- Mary will be sending out a letter of intent for this grant. The city would like to know the Boards thoughts on the playground equipment. Board Member Cassler questioned the placement of the equipment. She would rather have rocks & ropes. Motion made by Board Member Holst, seconded by Board Member Cassler, to recommend the playground equipment of rocks & ropes as presented, Roll call: Ayes 6. Nays: 0 Motion carried.

BRSC update- City Administrator Arentsen stated that the restrooms are almost done. There is an ASA tournament next weekend at the fields. It does not look like USSSA will be using the fields this year.

Alan Knuth, 7525 NE 80th St, Bondurant, IA 50035-1221, asked the Park and Rec. Board for their approval on letting BSC take over Eagle Park for practices. Alan Knuth spoke with Robert Lorentzen on the future plans of the park by the Eagle Scouts. BSC will treat Eagle Park like the other soccer property and will keep up on the mowing, fertilizer, etc. Eagle Scouts will have first dibs if they decide they need that land. Board Member Holst questioned the parking and suggested more "No Parking" signs be put up on Second St. NW. Alan will write a letter of purpose and present to Council. He will also speak with neighboring residents on his intent. Motion made by Board Member Hartzler, seconded by Board Member Collison, to recommend to Council the use of Eagle Park by BSC for practices, Roll call: Ayes 6. Nays: 0 Motion carried.

City Playground- Installation at Wolf Creek is complete. City Administrator Arentsen presented to the Board additional items for each park; 8' bench, trash receptacle, bike rack and a picnic table. It will take a little over \$10,000 for the additional items and there is plenty of space at each location. He also spoke to Robert Lorentzen about some Eagle Scouts building some shelters for the parks. Administrative Assistant Richardson-Kugler questioned if the picnic tables would be ADA compliant. Motion made by Board Member Collison, seconded by Board Member Holst, to recommend to Council the additional items at each park, Roll call: Ayes 6. Nays: 0 Motion carried.

City Park shelter- City Administrator Arentsen stated that the trench was dug today and the footings should be in the ground next week. Board Member Hartzer would like to know about the splash pad.

Discussion was led by City Administrator Arentsen regarding the Porch Swings and Fireflies project. This project has been approved by Council and will be built with funds from grants. Board Chair Van Horn would like to know if the shelter is coming down. Shelter will be relocated along with the Bondurant sign and the flag pole. The city would like suggestions from the Board on where to put the sign. One way these grant funds will be obtained is through the Community Visioning Program. The members of the Parks and Recreation Board were invited to attend a focus group of their choice on May 2, 2015 to state their opinions on the communities landscaping. Parking area for this project will be provided on land at 117 Brick St. SE, land owned by DNG Properties LLC, with a walking path to the Porch Swings and Fireflies.

Event Report- 1000+ people attended the Easter event. Keep Bondurant Beautiful will take place this Saturday with the help from Central Iowa Bandits and the Boy Scouts. The Middle School will be cleaning up around town on Friday. Chichaqua Valley Trail grand opening will be April 25, 2015 with 9 square, wing eating contest and human foosball. Board Chair Van Horn suggested adding everyone is welcome to the spring/summer brochure.

**The following items were discussed as part of the Board Chair's comments:**

- No Comment

**The following items were discussed as part of the Board Member's comments:**

- Board Member Gipple school would like to get with Shelby on scheduling the gym.

**The following items were discussed as part of the City Administrator's comments:**

- Trail going west is open. Chichaqua in Jasper County received \$280,000 to fix their trails. Trail from Depot to Brick Street Market will be installed next year. Interpretive signs at Depot will be installed next week by the high school. Polk County gave the City \$20,000 to go toward the park shelter.

**The following items were discussed as part of the Recreation Coordinator's comments:**

- No Comment

Board Chair Van Horn adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

A Regular meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

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Misty Richardson-Kugler  
Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

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Joe Van Horn  
Board Chair