

Meeting No. 15-6

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

May 21, 2015

A Regular meeting of the City of Bondurant Parks and Recreation Board was held at City Hall, 200 2nd Street, Northeast, Polk County, Iowa on May 21, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Board Member Kari Gipple
Board Member Michele Hartzler

Notice of the meeting was posted at the Bondurant City Center, Casey's General Stores, Legacy Bank and the Bondurant Post Office on May 19, 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 Arns, seconded by Board Member Collison, to approve the May 21, 2015 agenda as presented, Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Board Member Collison, seconded by Board Member Holst, to approve the Parks and Recreation Board Minutes from April 16, 2015. Roll call: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Budget Review-Board Member Arns questioned the amount given to the City from Live Healthy Iowa and if the Board feels that the amount is appropriate for next year. Board Chair Van Horn asked about the additional Tot T-ball equipment bought this year.

BRSC- City Administrator Arentsen led a discussion on the completion of the restrooms in the concession stand, which should be next week. Little league is keeping BRSC busy for right now then Tot T-ball and Co-ed will start. USSSA doesn't like the City's fees. Board Member Arns stated that he has heard that USSSA is avoiding Bondurant because of parking, the concession stand and restrooms.

Mother's Club Project- Recreation Coordinator Hagan presented the Board with an email from the Mother's Club to do either "Little Libraries" or additional "landscaping" in different parks. Board Member Cassler would like to know the area for the little libraries. Board Member Arns is worried about safety issues with damage of the boxes and that it could go against the City if someone got hurt. Motion made by Board Member Collison, seconded by Board Member Arns, to approve the Mother's Club Project of "Little Libraries" as long as they maintain them. Roll call: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Playground installation- City Administrator Arentsen stated that four tables and four benches will be ordered this week, pet stations should be here and are ready to be installed. He would like to look into shelter structures for each park. Seeding should be done in the next week or so. Board Member Holst stated that the dirt along the city easement has settled and would like to see about getting the weeds knocked down by sidewalk to Wisteria Heights Park.

City Park- City Administrator Arentsen led a discussion for the City Park shelter update. Trusses are being built now. The framing will start in two weeks. Pictures of tables were included in the packet for the Board to approve. Roll call: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Administrator Arentsen discussed options for the remaining funds in the Parks Capital Project Fund. Options are restrooms at the Lake Petocka South Shelter or playground at Efnor. Restrooms for shelter will be on the west side between shelter and the bike trail. Board Member Holst asked about communication from Efnor regarding park. Board Member Arns stated the fence was cut on the east side of Petocka South shelter; this could be a safety issue. Board Members expressed support for restrooms at the Lake Petocka south shelter as the preferred project for the undesignated Parks Capital Projects funds.

Event Reports- Recreation Coordinator Hagan discussed Keep Bondurant Beautiful and that she would like to get more people for next year. There was roughly 30 people in attendance this year.

Recreational Programming- Recreation Coordinator Hagan informed the Board on upcoming events.

- Celebrate Bondurant -May 29 from 6-9pm
- Youth Fishing Derby- June 6 from 8-10am
- Swim bus starts June 1 Monday and Thursdays are the pick-up days
- Kids games in the park-SNAP June 12 will be a meet and greet
- Bingo- June 15
- Tot t-ball- 72 kids, 15 volunteer coaches
- Co-ed slow pitch-June 18
- Touch-A-Truck- July 31-2:30-4:30pm

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

- Did the Park and Recreation budget give the same amount this year for the fireworks for Summerfest?

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

- Board Member Arns talked to Admins. From Bondurant Farrar School and they would like to work together with the City on youth sports. The City would take over the administration part which would create revenue. Volunteers will still be needed.
- Board Member Holst inquired about which sports. Third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade basketball, wrestling, volleyball and football. Swings are too low at Wisteria Heights park.
- Board Member Cassler questioned the new location for the city sign.

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

- Trail built end of next summer from the Depot to the grocery store.
- Brewery is coming to town.
- Cost to relocate City sign should be budgeted into the public art project.
- Engineer is working on box for under Hwy 65, maybe an over pass instead of an underpass.

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

- Presented Board with a picture of an expression swing, an idea for neighborhood parks.
- Community visioning program, 35 people between 3 groups.

Board Chair Van Horn adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
A Regular meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Misty Richardson-Kugler
Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

Joe Van Horn
Board Chair