



Parks & Recreation Commission  
May 5, 2022, 7 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 1 Quail Creek Circle, North Liberty, Iowa

Attending: Jeremy Parrish, Laura Olds, Richard Grugin, Shannon Greene, Amy Chen, Kevin Stibal, Gwen Johnson

Absent: Shelly Simpson

Others Present: Brian Motley, Tim Haier, Guy Goldsmith

1. Call to Order
2. Approve April Minutes
  - a. Motion: Laura Olds
  - b. Second: Kevin Stibal
3. Parks Report (Guy Goldsmith)
  - a. General Maintenance
    - i. Lights
    - ii. Ranch House north porch
    - iii. Outdoor Pool leak
    - iv. Equipment
    - v. Ballfield
    - vi. Landscapes around streetscapes, roundabouts
    - vii. EDB infestation in Ash trees
    - viii. Mowing
  - b. Ball season
    - i. Some tournaments began

- ii. Weather not good for baseball so far
- c. Prepared garden site for May opening
  - i. All plots sold for the first time
  - ii. With a waitlist, too
- d. Muddy Creek cleanup
  - i. Thank you to all volunteers
  - ii. Annual event to pick up trash on trail
  - iii. A couple tons of trash
- e. Storm Water board
  - i. Discuss tree grants
  - ii. Review storm water issues
  - iii. Guy sits on this board
- f. Cedar Spring Ambassadors' Program
  - i. Ambassadors around the community
  - ii. These are the neighborhood ambassadors
  - iii. Organizing cleanup efforts
- g. Shive Hattery for Penn Meadows North improvements project
  - i. Resurface old lot
  - ii. May expand the parking lot to the West
  - iii. May need to relocate shelter
- h. ELLIS training for active shooters
- i. Department Heads Comprehensive Plan Workshop
  - i. Hired consultants
  - ii. To manage mobility, plan future parks/trails, housing, community service, and growth management

- iii. Year-long project
- j. Trail inspection before April run
- k. Shive Hattery to review Ranshaw Way pedestrian tunnel
  - i. Paint the walls a color before the metal sprockets go in
- l. Dog Park
  - i. Testing deep aerator to help compaction
    - 1. Availability difficult because so costly (used 30k, new 50k)
    - 2. However, would be used for other locations
  - ii. Such heavy traffic that it kills the growth
    - 1. Lock to lower traffic to only those with permits
    - 2. Medium and small doesn't get the same traffic as the large
  - iii. Options
    - 1. Public opposition to mulch due to splinters
    - 2. All-weather artificial turf would cost too much
    - 3. Another option: turf on outside ring, ballfield sand for inside
- m. Centennial Park Loop Project
  - i. Nearing completion
  - ii. Fine-tuned grade before grass seeding
  - iii. Good establishment hoped for turf before Blues & BBQ
- n. Other progress meetings and webinars
- o. Citywide cleanup at Public Works facility
  - i. Lower number of residents participated this year
  - ii. A lot of electronics, TVs were dropped off
- p. No seasonal employee interviews

- i. Summer 40-hour week work
  - ii. Only two applications and no responses
  - iii. Plus lost one, so back down to 4/12
  - iv. Need to be 18, driver's license, \$15 (raised \$3-4 since last week)
  - v. Competing against landscaping companies and other cities
- 4. Rec Center and Pool Report (Brian Motley filling in for Shelly Simpson)
  - a. Roof
    - i. Next week, replacing lines that go into the heater for locker rooms
    - ii. Leaks due to roof work, leading to emergency fixing, then more holes
    - iii. T&K roofing awarded bid for roof replacement, doesn't start until July
    - iv. Bid came in lower than expected so mostly covered by insurance
  - b. Registration
    - i. Numbers reported but not recited in the meeting
  - c. Events
    - i. Egg-stravaganza event
    - ii. Easter egg hunt in pool
    - iii. ALICE training for library and recreation
    - iv. Intercom doesn't work well
  - d. Leagues and Sports
    - i. Canceled first week of outdoor soccer (156 participants)
    - ii. Fall session will be hybrid (between recreational and competitive)
    - iii. Junior high wants to add soccer to their program, so would transition
  - e. Pool leaks
    - i. Filled outdoor pool, then started leaking a foot a day

- ii. Illinois company coming next Tuesday to check for where the leak is
  - iii. Small leak in the indoor will be checked too
  - iv. Holding off on other pool prep activities until this is fixed
  - v. Scheduled to open the pool and splash pad on Memorial Day weekend
  - vi. Ben assisting with the prep due to maternity leave
- f. Gymnasium
  - i. Robert's gym floor is peeling, worse than Jones
  - ii. Re-sanding requires about \$15k
  - iii. Will need to get quotes
  - iv. Not budgeted, so may need to take money from elsewhere
  - v. Roberts has been sanded once before, but Jones new (replaced)
  - vi. Can be re-sanded 4 times, about 50 years for lifetime
- g. New bike repair kit
- h. Staffing issues continue
  - i. Folks leave for higher pay or other reasons
  - ii. A lot of open shifts with current staffing level
  - iii. Will need creative solutions
  - iv. Staff can't work more than 29 hours a week
  - v. Front desk needs 18+, pool is 14-17 years old for swim lessons
- 5. No new business
- 6. Board member terms expiring
  - a. Apply online by July for this commission or others in North Liberty
  - b. Jeremy Parrish reapplied
  - c. Laura moving to Charlotte, NC after graduating

7. Next Meeting: 2 June
  - a. Jeremy Parrish
  - b. Second (multiple)