



**Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2024, 7:00pm**

Present: Shelly Simpson, Brian Motley, Tim Hamer, Guy Goldsmith, Richard Grugin, , Shannon Greene, Nick Arnold, Gwen Johnson, Kevin Smith, Jeremy Parrish

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve November 7, 2024 minutes: Johnson; Second: Smith. Approved via unanimous consent with minor date correction to date of the meeting.

3. Reports

Parks Report – Guy Goldsmith

- Goldsmith stated staff has been busy wrapping up the parks for winter season and winterizing landscaping.
- The landscaping on West Penn Street near the interstate interchange will be removed ahead of the construction that will occur on the interchange in the spring. Johnson inquired what that work would consist of. Goldsmith stated IDOT will be revamping the I-380 interchange. Once work is complete there will be a beautification project in that area.
- Staff re-certified in herbicide/pesticide application
- Backstop at Koser Park completed and dugouts widened
- Three newer employees received their commercial driver's license
- Liberty Centre Pond has been drained to allow for work on the rock outcropping border to reduce the erosion of the rocks over time. North end of the pond will be dredged to increase depth. There should be no impact on ice fishing, but lower water level could result in fish kill over the winter.
- Staff is working on the operating budget for the 2025-26 year. Meeting with City administration this month.
- Parrish asked about progress at Centennial Park. Goldsmith stated construction is progressing on schedule.
- Johnson inquired about the bike path near Arlington Ridge that will run along North Liberty Road. Goldsmith stated that will be City property when complete. There will be work along North Liberty Road to improve safety and traffic flow. There was discussion of this project.

Recreation/Pool Report—Shelly Simpson

- Staff completed the Winter/Spring Brochure and prepared for registration
- Recreation staff prepared the 2025-26 budget for review with City administration staff
- Looking at pool locker room renovations, parking lot improvements, replacing acoustical noise reduction panels, duct sock replacement, filter and motor replacement
- Simpson directed Board to financial report and programming numbers
- There was discussion regarding the upcoming Coralville and Tiffin rec center projects and impact on North Liberty center usage.

5. Questions, Concerns, Updates

6. Community Input / Ideas to Share

7. Upcoming Events

5. New Business
  - Determined to cancel the January meeting unless a pressing issue arises
6. Old Business
7. Next Meeting
  - a. Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
8. Adjourn Motion: Johnson; Second: Greene. None opposed.