

# **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

## **CITY OF DYERSVILLE**

November 16, 2022

**Meeting called to order by Scott Kluesner at 5:59 P.M.**

**Commission Members Present:** Jon Scherbring, Sarah Goldsmith, Nathan Huebner, Jason Lang, Scott Kluesner, Matt Monahan, Megan Scherrman

**Commission Members Absent:** None

**City Staff Present:** Adam Huehnergath and Sandy Oberbroeckling

**Oral Comments:** None

### **Approve November 16, 2022 agenda**

Kluesner asked for review and approval of the agenda. Huebner made a motion to approve the Wednesday, November 16, 2022 agenda. Motion seconded by Scherbring.

Voice Call Vote:       **AYES:** All  
                              **NAYS:** None  
                              **ABSENT:** None

**Motion Carried**

### **Approve October 12, 2022 Minutes**

Kluesner asked for comments or changes and there were none. Huebner made a motion to approve the October 12, 2022 minutes. Motion seconded by Scherbring.

Voice Call Votes:       **AYES:** All  
                              **NAYS:** None  
                              **ABSENT:** None

**Motion Carried**

### **Receive & File: September 2022 Director's Report**

**Oral Comments:** None

Scherbring made a motion to receive and file the September 2022 Director's report. Motion seconded by Goldsmith.

Voice Call Votes:       **AYES:** All  
                              **NAYS:** None  
                              **ABSENT:** None

**Motion Carried**

### **Item #1: Pool Closing Recommendations**

Huehnergath has been researching other pools regarding their opening and closing guidelines. He has included guidelines from local pools. Dyersville pool guideline is that if it is over 60 degrees we stay open regardless of how many people are at the pool. City Council have made these guidelines, but we can

recommend for these to be changed. The decision was made due to the items on social media as we were trying to keep the community happy. That being said, we are paying lifeguards even if no one is there. Lang thinks lifeguards are depending on this income, so they would prefer to be there no matter what. When we have no patrons, we are spending a lot of money and not gaining any revenue. Manchester pool has a temperature requirement of 65 degrees and they are thinking of going to 70 degrees. There also must be at least 15 patrons there to stay open. Scherbring wanted to know why we have the pool closed at night in July for lessons, when it is the warmest. He would like this to be moved to June. This would allow patrons to use the pool at the warmest time of the summer in the evening. Goldsmith feels we need to see what area is the reason for the most revenue loss. We realize that the pool is not a money maker; however, we'd like to minimize our losses. We need to have something to entice people to come to our pool. We are inline with other communities when it comes to daily admissions. However, our memberships are a little bit more expensive. Scherbring would like to see if you get a family membership, you'd get a discount on swim lessons. Huehnergath mentioned that some communities give a discount if the membership is purchased in April. Or they also talked about when someone signs up for a swim lesson, they get a discount for a membership. This could also increase the concession stand revenue. Members questioned whether or not we are required to do the 10 minute lap swim at 10 minutes to the hour. We are one of the few pools that continue to do this. If we eliminate lap swim, this may allow us to only have one person in the concession stand, since there wouldn't be a surge of people at 10 till the hour. The commission would like to see what the pool count is at every hour for the entire summer. This may help us to have a better rule on pool closings. We could possibly change the low attendance variable. This item is tabled until the next meeting.

## **Item #2: Pool Features**

The original pool features (including the slide) have been approved. A mayor in Mapleton, Iowa contested the fact that these new pool features could not be installed. He commented that other city should have to close their slides if this is the case. This mayor threatened to sue and they are now allowing this slide. The new features are scheduled to be installed in the Spring. ACCO assured us it would be ready by mid-May.

## **Item #3: Pool Financials**

If you compare this year's numbers to 2019, our numbers are similar, even with the wage increases we had this year. We are also similar to other years. Scherbring believes we should look into increasing our fees at the concession stand and possibly revamp the menu. Monticello actually has a lifeguard come in during that 10 minute adult swim to assist the facility assistant, then only one facility assistant is needed. Cost of the items we are selling have increased. The commission would also like a breakdown of wages for lifeguards and facility assistants.

## **Item #4: Flag Football**

Huehnergath has contacted NFL Flag Football League for 3rd/4th grade children. The cost is \$30 per child and they all get an NFL jersey. This league does all the work for you. The league would include: Cascade, Anamosa, and Monticello. The games would be held on Mondays or Wednesdays at either 5:00 pm or 6:00 pm. They would play 6 on 6 or 7 on 7. Scherrman also asked if we could do 1st/2nd grade as well. We would need to look into this. The program would last 6 weeks, starting in mid-September. The biggest issue would be running out of daylight as the season progresses. We may need to charge a little more to pay for referee fees.

**Item #5: Track Meet**

Huehnergath has contacted Live Healthy Iowa Kids to have a track meet in the spring. The track meet is set for Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Beckman Catholic High School track. This race is for ages 7-14. You can also have 3-5 year-olds sign up for a 50 yard dash. This event would be free to enter. Everyone who wins would go to another meet in June. We would need A LOT of volunteers for this event. This organization has a complete list of directions. There would be 2 field events – Softball throw and broad jump. Monticello has done this meet 3 times. We could draw kids from other towns to come to this meet. Huehnergath needs to complete the application by November 28, 2022. Kids will be able to start signing up in January.

**Commission Oral Comments:**

Goldsmith recommended having a winter 5K run, possibly around Thanksgiving (Turkey Trot or Reindeer Run). We could host our own run. She also wanted to readdress the creation of a new skatepark. She has a lot of people asking about this.

**Set date for next meeting:** The date for the next meeting is set for Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. on a motion by Goldsmith, seconded by Scherbring.

Voice Call Vote:       **AYES:** All  
                                  **NAYS:** None  
                                  **ABSENT:** None

**Motion Carried**

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Sandy Oberbroeckling

11/16/2022  
Date