



MINUTES

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

6 p.m.

REMOTE

Approved: 10-2-24

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Aaron Falotico, Bill Stoneroad, Sharon Konopa, Anna Roller, Nick Anderson, Jill Van Buren, Joyce Thompson Graham

Members absent: None

Staff present: Kim Lyddane, Director; Rick Barnett, Parks & Facilities Maintenance Manager; Debbie Little, Administrative Services Coordinator

Guests present: None

Business from the Public
None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6:02 p.m.
March 6, 2024

MOTION: Falotico moved to adopt the minutes. Van Buren seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS 6:03 p.m.

a. Pesticide and Herbicide Policy

Barnett provided information on the department's policy regarding pesticides and herbicides. Brief discussion followed.

b. Possible Amendment Albany Municipal Code 7.98.040

The City Council approved the proposed amendment to the tree code on May 22, 2024. Brief discussion followed.

c. Tree Issues

Barnett provided an update on tree issues the department is working on. Brief discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. None

REPORTS AND UPDATES

6:18 p.m.

- a. Capital Projects

Lyddane reviewed the project report included in the agenda packet.

- Lehigh playground replacement is in process, with new equipment projected to be installed in September.
- Construction on Monteith Riverpark is nearly complete. The restroom has been redone, gazebo painted, power poles painted, and the playground installation is almost complete. Lyddane will provide a sneak peek to commission members before the official opening of the park on July 4, 2024.
- Fencing around the patio at the Riverfront Community Center has been installed.

- b. Staff reports

Barnett provided an update on Park Maintenance.

- Summer concerts will work with a new sound and lighting contractor. The lighting on the new stage is very well done.
- Park Maintenance staff are busy with spring maintenance as all things are growing.
- Parks have been hit hard with graffiti recently. Staff and volunteers are working diligently to get it covered as soon as possible.
- The Rotary Club of Albany and Stoked 2 Sk8 shop will be painting areas at the Albany Skate Park.
- Homeless camp clean-ups are taking place.
- Flowers in parks and around city facilities have been planted.

Lyddane noted the homeless camp battle is ongoing and is a larger issue being discussed at the state and national levels. Van Buren added that Adopt-a-Park volunteers are trying to work with the homeless population by providing them bags for trash disposal.

Lyddane provided an update on recreation programs.

- Maple Lawn Preschool is closing at the end of this school year, as the funding from GAPS is ending.
- The Waverly Duck is back in the lake.
- Paddle boats will open June 20, 2024.
- COOL Pool opens June 15, 2024, with new outdoor furniture.
- Aquatic harvesting at Waverly Lake will take place at the end of summer.
- Summer Sounds, River Rhythms and Northwest Art & Air Festival performers have been announced.
- Local sponsors provide much of the revenue and in-kind donations for summer events and concerts. The department is very fortunate to have a high level of community support.

- Seasonal recruitment is currently taking place. Looking for summer staff and a trips and tours driver.
- Trips and tours programs are filling to capacity.
- A line dancing class will be offered next week, funded through a small grant.
- The Albany Parks and Recreation Foundation Legacy Garden fundraiser has sold approximately 25 pieces that can honor an individual, group, or organization with their name on a flower petal or flower center.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

6:50 p.m.

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 7, 2024. This meeting will be virtual.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Submitted by,

Signature on file

Debbie Little
Administrative Services Coordinator

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

Kim Lyddane
Parks & Recreation Director