



GRINNELL PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR
SESSION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025, AT 5:15 PM
IN THE DRAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD ROOM

MINUTES

1. Roll Call:

- A. Russ Crawford, Ralph Eyberg, Lauren Gant, Whitney Jensen, Ben Coopridner, and Jordan Allsup.
Absent: Lisa Lindley, Matt Moyer
Guests: Nick Darland and Colton Werner.

2. Approve Agenda:

At 5:16pm Coopridner made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Gant to approve the agenda. AYES: All. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes from DATE

- A. March 10th, 2025 meeting minutes- Coopridner made the motion, second by Jensen, to approve the March 10th, 2025, meeting minutes. AYES: All. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

- A. Master Parks Plan – priority of projects, fundraising opportunities, grant writing, goals for 2024-2025 fiscal year
- Parks and Cemetery Vegetation – Eyberg- Central Park landscape bed project to begin in early May. No action necessary.
 - Bailey Park– Crawford/Jensen- Update was provided in new business item. No action necessary.
 - Arbor Lake/Lake Nyanza- Allsup- City will be receiving RFP information soon from the Iowa DNR to release for engineering on in-lake and watershed work for the two bodies of water. No action necessary.
 - Playgrounds- Lindley- Benches were installed at the Central Park playground. No action necessary.
 - Master Plan- Allsup- Second Community Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22nd at 5:00pm in the Drake Community Library where RDG will be presenting revised parks plans, strategies, and priorities. No action necessary.
- B. Recreation- Allsup reported on spring programming with 300ish children participating in soccer, and 239 participants in the Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt. The spring/summer program guide is now public, and sign-ups are rolling in. The department will be seeking a new Recreation Coordinator and hope to have that position filled in time for the summer. No action necessary.

- C. Aquatics- Allsup reported on the status of hiring for the 2025 Aquatic Center season. No action necessary.

5. New Business

- A. Review submitted quotes for construction of the Bailey Park Shelter House- The board reviewed three quotes for the construction of a new shelter house at Bailey Park. Eyberg made the motion to recommend the approval of the quote for construction of the Bailey Park shelter to HomeRevisions, LLC. as the low quote. Second by Coopriders. AYES: all. Motion carried.
- B. Farm and Food Celebration- Gant made the motion to approve the rental of the Central Park shelter and stage on Friday, June 13th, 2025, for “Farm and Food Celebration: community meal and concert”. Second by Eyberg. AYES: all. Motion carried.
- C. Grinnell High School All Class Reunion - Coopriders made the motion to approve the rental of the Central Park facilities on July 3rd-5th, 2026, for “Grinnell High School All Class Reunion” Second by Gant. AYES: all. Motion carried.
- D. Memorial Bench – No action was taken and will be discussed again at May meeting as concerns were made of needing to remove the bench during lake restoration efforts in the future. Allsup will have more dialogue with the requested party.

6. Notes:

7. Inquiries:

- 8. **Adjourn:** Coopriders made the motion at 6:11pm to adjourn the meeting, second by Jensen. AYES: All. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director
Jordan Allsup

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