

City of Maquoketa  
Parks Board Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2024

Call to Order: 5:32pm, City Council Chambers

Roll Call: Board Members: Chris Goeckel, Chris Ihrig, and Kara Boldt  
City: Jon Hopson (Maquoketa Public Works), Scott Warren (YMCA Executive Director)  
City Council Members: Ginger Bennett and Caroline Ehlinger  
Guests: none present

Discussion of Park Clean-up Day Plans for Saturday, May 18, 2024

- Ginger will be going on the radio next week to advertise Clean-up Day with the hope to increase attendance.
- Jon will pick up 7 gallons of paint from Diamond Vogel awarded through Paint Grant prior to Clean-up Day. Colors determined were brown and green paint.
- DuTrac, MSB, and Fidelity are sponsoring 60 half price furniture tags (\$5) and 50 half price TV/appliance tags (\$10) which will be available for purchase starting April 29th for pick-up on May 6th, 13th, and 20th by Dittmer Recycling.
- Scott asked about the possibility of a Doggie Wash Station being constructed during Clean-up Day for the Dog Park.
  - Ginger will try to solicit volunteers for this mini project

Discussion and Possible Motion on Sidewalks at 5th Ward Park from bathrooms to the tennis courts

- Jon talked with Frank, if the project is approved, Public Works would complete this project in-house to avoid additional cost with outside contractors.
- Jon shared Sidewalks would be 350 ft in length
  - Options:
    - 4 in x 4 ft wide would cost approx. \$2,890 (concrete only) with rock an additional \$400 approx.
    - 6 in x 4 ft wide would cost approx. \$4,420 (concrete only) with rock an additional \$400 approx.
- Jon shared that a concrete pad for bleachers at 5th Ward Park will be completed at the same time as sidewalk
- Decision has been tabled until 1st meeting of FY 2024 (July 10th) due to funds not being available in Parks budget and project not being able to be completed until later in the year

Discussion and Possible Motion on Horseshoe Pond Updates

- Jon shared the docks and walkways are done, they are only needing to complete railing at this point. The plan is to install black galvanized rails. Railings will come out of the remaining Parks budget (approx. \$6,600)
- Ginger shared that Ikes would like to have a sign posted at Horseshoe Pond stating Catfish Challenge with prizes such as a fishing pole/tackle box if tagged 5lb catfish is caught with proof of a picture
- Board discussed signage being needed for winter months about staying off ice for safety
- Discussion on increasing benches and tables at Horseshoe Pond
  - Ginger expressed interest in bench/table auction at this location
  - Jon to get estimate on tables and benches

#### Discussion and Possible Motion on Park Shelter Replacement Timeline and Options

- No final numbers have been determined at this time, this is not likely to happen in FY 2024
- Board should work on generating designs for the future

#### Open Items

- Jon shared parks open April 15th.
- Grove Park:
  - Grove Fence anticipated completion is June 1st
  - Corrugated yellow plastic will be going up by end of month at Grove baseball fields
  - Food trucks at Baseball games, Tri-M, Geronemos, and Missy's Cupcakes have been solicited to be present at games
  - Chris and Chris plan to run scoreboards
  - The hope is with better fields, more games will happen over time, and then re-establish concessions
- Community Garden:
  - Ginger has been in contact with Jackson Co. Master Gardeners and Jackson Co. Conservation and has acquired 8 donated raised garden beds of different sizes to be constructed on the north side of 5th Ward Park
    - Jackson Co. Master Gardeners shared about a Grant opportunity for next year that Ginger plans to apply for
    - The hope is to have 10 garden plots plus 1 accessible garden plot, a pollinator garden, with community access to a Take What You Need community plot, blueberry bushes, and fruit trees of the same nature
    - Jon will check on water sources at 5th Ward as they have not been used in a number of years

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kara Boldt  
Parks Board Member