

# URBANDALE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MAY 15, 2019

The Urbandale Parks and Recreation Commission met in session on May 15, 2019, at the Urbandale City Hall Council Chambers. Members answering roll call were Rowley, Bouslog, Devine, Henderson, Bewyer. Jan Herke, Mollie Wilhite, Carissa Williams, LeAnne Auxier and Chris Barkema from the Park & Recreation Department also attended.

Devine called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and read the Character Counts statement.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the March 13, 2019, minutes. Bouslog moved to approve the minutes and Henderson seconded the motion. On roll call: Ayes: Bouslog, Henderson, Bewyer, Devine. Nays: none. Passes: Rowley. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was Proposed Senior Recreation Center / Urbandale Pool membership for Seniors. In a continued effort to promote the full-suite of services, programs, and facilities offered by our Parks and Recreation Department, staff is proposing a combination Pool/Senior Recreation Center (SRC) membership for senior patrons (ages 55 and older).

Since the SRC Fitness Membership was implemented, staff has received requests from patrons to provide a combination Pool/SRC membership from our senior patrons. The participants in the SRC programs also often express interest in aquatics programs for a low-impact and effective workout option. A combination membership would be beneficial for many reasons, including the similar demographics of the patrons, the close proximity in location of the SRC and pool, and the desire to promote an active lifestyle for all patrons.

Staff proposes a \$25 discount for members who purchase a combination SRC/Pool pass. The discount would be split \$19 off of the pool annual pass price, and \$6 off of the SRC fitness membership price. Below outlines the current rates at the SRC and Pool and the proposed memberships:

	Current Individual Pool	Current Family Pool	Current Individual SRC Fitness	Proposed Combo Individual Pool + Individual SRC Fitness	Proposed Combo Family Pool + Individual SRC Fitness
Resident	\$135	\$225	\$50	\$160	\$250
Non-Resident	\$165	\$275	\$75	\$215	\$325

Staff recommends approval. Discussion followed. Bouslog moved to approve staff recommendation and Rowley seconded the motion. On roll call: Ayes: Bouslog, Rowley, Devine, Henderson, Bewyer. Nays: none. Passes: none. Motion carried.

The next item was Proposed Additional Parkland for 2019-2020 for Urban Bow Hunt Program. Since 1998, the City has coordinated an annual deer control program which focuses on

harvesting antlerless deer, primarily adult does, to control the herd size. The initial bow hunt in 1998 was based on recommendations from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Polk County Deer Task Force (PCDTF). The PCDTF has annually recommended that the controlled bow hunting program be conducted.

The 2006-2007 season was the first season that the Urbandale Parks and Recreation Commission, and the City Council permitted controlled bow hunting in some City parks in an effort to help control the deer population. Since this time, adjustments have been made to the areas of parkland where bow hunting has been allowed.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), the Polk County Deer Task Force (PCDTF), and the Urbandale Police Department have indicated that the deer population continues to grow in Urbandale. This has created issues with increased car/deer accidents, property damage to landscape and property, and diseases due to over populations of the deer.

Areas of Walnut Creek Regional Park are now being proposed to add to the Urban Bow Hunt Program, where two hunters will be given hunting space. Officer Holly Pickett summarized the program for the Commission. Also present to answer questions were: Andy Kellner with the Department of Natural Resources and Brian Herrstrom, Polk County Park Ranger. Discussion followed.

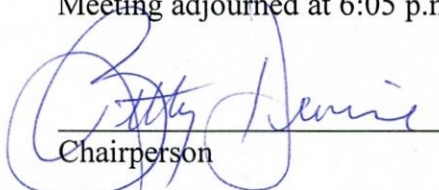
Park staff has reviewed the areas of the Walnut Creek Regional Park proposed for adding bow hunting, and is supportive of the recommendation. Bouslog moved to approve staff recommendation and Rowley seconded the motion. On roll call: Ayes: Bouslog, Henderson, Bewyer, Devine, Rowley. Nays: none. Passes: none. Motion carried.

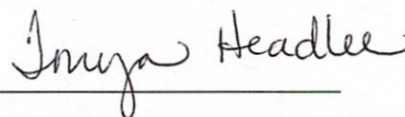
There were no Citizen Comments.

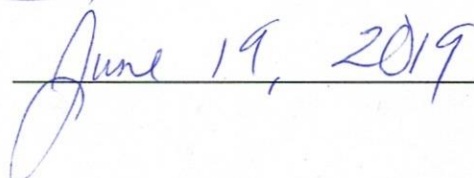
The next item was Director's Reports. ISU Presentation was a success. The All-Inclusive Playground funding has had a tremendous last month and has now exceeded the \$560K goal. Design plans will be finalized by Snyder and Associates with possible design plans for a restroom area. The goal is to go to City Council on June 14. Discussion followed. The Parks & Public works building bids came in around \$ 22-23 million. By Fall of 2020, the building should be done.

The next item was Chairman's Items. Devine stated there if there are any committees that Commissioners are involved in, to please bring updates to the Commission meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

  
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