

Johnston Park Advisory Board
May 18, 7:00 PM
Crown Point Community Center
6300 Pioneer Parkway
515-251-3707



MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.
2. Roll Call: Butler, Berry, Cook, Hattel, Quinlisk
3. Motion for Approval of Agenda-Motion made by Hattel to approve. Second by Quinlisk. Motion approved.
4. Public Comments:
5. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Motion to Approve March 16th, 2010 minutes, April 21st, 2010 minutes & Senior Citizen Advisory Board Fundraiser Request-Motion made by Cook to approve. Second by Berry. Motion approved.
6. Non-Consent Agenda:
7. Park & Recreation Director Report:
 - A. **Crown Point Remodeling-Ron will meet with the Architects from SVPA tomorrow to look at their cost estimates for this project. There are some additional things the building will need during the Phase I remodeling. These are a grease interceptor, sprinkler system, and a new roof. The cost estimates will dictate how much of Phase I can be completed. Ron indicated the bid climate is favorable right now and there may be Grants available that could help fund the project costs.**
 - B. **Family Bicycle Roundup-The bicycle roundup went really well with 38 kids registered and nearly 75 participants total. Irwin Bike shop held a maintenance clinic check on the bikes that Mary Davis helped with. Angela Butler also helped with the roundup this year. The trail ride had to be shortened due to a portion of the trail being closed off because of spring flooding. But there was still a good turnout of riders. The ride ended at VanDee's where free ice cream was served.**
 - C. **Trail Clean Up-The trail clean up went well with 10 people volunteering to pick up trash along the trails.**

- D. **Tree Sale-All trees were sold this year, with only two left over that weren't picked up. Trees were picked up at Public Works and that worked out great again this year.**
 - E. **MidAmerican Trees Please Trees-Thirty five trees were received on April 30th that will be planted at Public Works and the City Library.**
 - F. **Augustine Trail Design Agreement-This was approved at Monday night's Council meeting. Foth Engineering will be working on the design for this project.**
 - G. **Pointe Vista Park development/Lew Clarkson Trail connection-Ron will begin working with the Engineer on these projects. This will be a parking lot and basketball court at Pointe Vista and a trail on the west side of the driveway at Lew Clarkson.**
 - H. **Trail Along Beaver Drive-The Council and Mayor have received letters from residents interested in a trail to be developed along Beaver Drive. They will work on contracting someone to do a study to see how this project could proceed.**
 - I. **Canoe Launch at Lew Clarkson-Ron has received requests from residents that paddle (canoe and kayak) that would like to have a launch at Lew Clarkson. An employee of the Polk County Conservation Board and has volunteered to help find a grant and write an application to help with this project.**
 - J. **Park Staff-Five new seasonal employees have been hired to help throughout the summer season. The Crew is busy mowing and will start on other projects like planting the trees from MidAmerican and putting up the new shelters at the Parks as their time allows.**
 - K. **Ron gave an update on the Emerald Ash Borer. The borer has now been found in Iowa, so there are several proactive actions that can take place to prepare for this. We've almost completed the tree inventory of ash trees on public land. He will talk to the Tree Board next week about coming up with an action plan. There will be several issues to be considered in the future by City Council, too regarding the Emerald Ash Borer.**
8. **Next Park Advisory Board Meeting:
June 15, 2010**
9. **Motion for adjournment made by Berry, second by Quinlisk. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.**