

AGENDA
AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
City Hall Council Chambers – 515 Clark Avenue
Thursday, June 20, 2019

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: The Parks and Recreation Commission welcome comments from the public during discussion. If you wish to speak, please complete a green card and hand it to City staff prior to the meeting. When your name is called, please step to the microphone, state your name and address for the record, and limit the time used to present your remarks to three minutes in order that others may be given the opportunity to speak. The normal process on any particular agenda item is staff may first give a report on the agenda item, Commissioners may ask questions for clarification, input is received from the audience, a motion is placed on the floor, the Commission is given an opportunity to comment on the issue or respond to the audience concerns, and the vote is taken. In consideration of all, if you have a cell phone, please turn it off or put it on silent.

1. Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.
2. Election of Officers
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Vice-Chairperson
3. Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2019
4. Public Forum (For items not on the agenda)
5. Update: Healthy Life Center
6. Parks Tour
7. Next Meeting:
 - a. Thursday, July 18 at 4:00 PM (Regular Meeting)
8. Adjournment

AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 16, 2019

COMMISSION

PRESENT: Sarah Litwiller, Jeremy Bristow, Sean Carlton-Appleton, Duane Reeves

ABSENT: Sarah Cady, Kelsey Culbertson, Eve Lederhouse

STAFF: Keith Abraham, Nancy Shaw

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bristow nominated Litwiller for temporary chairperson, second by Carlton-Appleton. No Discussion. No opposition **Motion Approved.**

It was moved by Bristow, with second by Carlton-Appleton, to postpone the election of officers. No Discussion, No Opposition. **Motion Approved.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Bristow, with second by Reeves, to approve the March 28, 2019, meeting minutes. No discussion. No opposition. **Motion Approved**

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Forum

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Abraham welcomed Duane Reeves to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Reeves informed the other members that he works at ISU and has been a Parks and Recreation user for the past 16 years.

At the discretion of the temporary chairperson **Item d** will be discussed out of order.

a. **Update: Healthy Life Center**

Abraham informed the Commission that the City Council has decided to move forward with the original design and a possible September 10, 2019, bond referendum date. The bond will be around \$29 million. The impact for residential property owners will be approximately \$44 annually per \$100,000 of assessed property value. Commercial and industrial property owners will see a tax increase of approximately \$70 annually per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

b. **Commission Action Form: JAX Outdoor Gear Request**

Abraham explained to the Commission that the agreement with Jax Outdoor gear has not changed. He reminded the Commission that this agreement is a win for the department, for Jax and for the citizens. Staff recommends Alternative #1.

It was moved by Bristow, with second by Reeves, to approve Alternative #1.
No discussion. No opposition. **Motion Approved**

c. **Commission Action Form: Piano in the Parks**

Abraham went over the agreement to place a Piano in Tom Evans Plaza for the 2019 season. Staff recommends Alternative #1.

It was moved by Bristow, with second by Carlton-Appleton, to approve Alternative #1.

Discussion: Reeves asked if the Public Art Commission was not supportive of this action, would this come back to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Abraham informed him that in some circumstances it could, but a minor change to the agreement it would not.

No opposition. **Motion Approved**

d. **Commission Action Form: Green Hills Health Care Center, Inc. Agreement**

Nancy Shaw, Public Wellness Manager, went over the attendance statistics for classes held at Green Hills. Abraham stated that there have been no changes to the agreement.

It was moved by Bristow, with second by Carlton-Appleton, to approve Alternative #1.
No discussion. No opposition. **Motion Approved**

e. **P & R Commission Meeting Dates**

Abraham went over the meeting dates for the next year.

It was moved by Bristow, with second by Reeves, to approve the meeting dates as listed. No Discussion. No opposition. **Motion Approved.**

f. **Project Update**

i. **Brookside Restroom**

Abraham updated the Commission on the progress of the restroom project. There are some complications as the building will be in the flood plain. Staff is coming close to finalizing plans and specs regarding this project.

ii. **Homewood Clubhouse**

Staff has received the construction drawings and the project is now in the cost estimating phase. This project is not out for bid as of yet. Staff is hoping to get plans and specs to Council in June.

Carlton-Appleton asked Abraham about the cost estimate being over what was expected. Abraham stated there is nothing extravagant regarding this build. There are no expensive items in the materials such as granite counter tops or gold plated fixtures. Staff is working with the consultant to figure out why the estimate is so much higher than expected.

Bristow stated that we have needed this clubhouse for a long time so this is disappointing.

iii. **Ukena Family Tennis Complex at Ames High School**

Abraham informed the Commission that the City Council has elected to void the agreement regarding the tennis courts at the high school. That clears the way for the school district to demolished the courts this June.

Reeves asked if there were any agreements with the families that donated to the complex. Abraham informed the Commission that there were no agreements in place with the donors.

g. Correspondence - None

MONTHLY REPORT

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Abraham asked if there were any particular projects Commission wanted to see during the June parks and facilities tour. Litwiller asked to see the low head dam project. Abraham informed the Commission there will be some funds from FEMA toward the bridge replacement in McCarthy Lee Park so that could also be a good place to tour.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Carlton-Appleton to adjourn. The meeting concluded at 4:37 PM.

Next Meeting: - Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 4:00 PM