

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes  
City of Mount Vernon  
May 20, 2014 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Jason Weaver, Lori Boren, Mike Cranston and Kelli Chapman. Absent: Scott Rose. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders, summer intern, Dayton Stevens and Pool Manager, Katey Forest.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Weaver to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from April 15, 2014 meeting. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Weaver to approve. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report – April 2014. There will be a pool assessment done in the fall. Kiosks and bike racks are being worked on now as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> round of transformation grants. For part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the grant, Siders is meeting with Linn County Department of Health to do an assessment of the community. Items too look at adding would be a lit crosswalk at Cornell and another item would be to add signage, crosswalk and curb cut at the trail at Nature Park. Comprehensive Plan updates/discussions continue.
5. Pool update (Katey Forest). The swimming pool will not be opening Memorial Day weekend due to the weather. There are lifeguarding and WSI classes coming up. There were 3 swim lesson sign up dates in April with more people signing up. The pool will be open certain hours this weekend for pool pass and swim lesson sign up. There were some policy changes made for pool operation. There will be a junior lifeguarding class for 11-14 year olds. It builds on the skills learned in swimming lessons and prepares them for becoming a lifeguard.
6. Presentation by Dayton Stevens (P&R Intern) regarding proposed new programs. Dayton has been with Matt Siders as an intern since April and this week is his last week. Stevens gave an update on a couple of new programs that could be offered by the Parks and Recreation. The first was soft lacrosse, which has grown in Iowa and can be done for K-12. This would be an indoor sport. The only weakness he found with this is that once a person becomes old enough for advanced lacrosse, there isn't anywhere in the area for them to go. There could also be grant funds available for this. The second program would be SNAG golf (starting new at golf). This is for younger kids to teach the basics. The instructor would need to

complete an online training course. A grant program would not be available for this. Further discussion will continue on these two programs.

7. Discussion regarding Master Parks Plan. Siders and Rose went to Council in April with an update on the plan and gave them the option to meet with Parks and Recreation members to discuss it in detail. Siders would like all members to review it in detail in the next month and discuss further at the next meeting.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding Eagle Scout project at Nature Park (Rud). Resident Neil Rud is a scout leader for Troop 40 and they are always looking for ways to do projects. His son would like to pursue a project at Nature Park to create more defined t-boxes for the Frisbee golf course. Options would be to stay with a more natural box design with mulch and landscape timbers, concrete pads or different options with boxing it in with compacted limestone or granular material of some sort (rubber pads or timbers). All labor would come from scout leaders, parents and the scouts themselves. The project would be completed by early September. Cost to the City would be approximately \$1,000. Siders suggested going with the limestone product. Boren made a motion to move forward with the frisbee golf course pad improvement Eagle Scout project on behalf of Tristan Rud. Seconded by Weaver. Carried all. Siders will talk to City Administration regarding funding.
9. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).
10. Old Business.
11. New Business.
12. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Weaver to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Administrative Assistant.