

City of Polk City
Parks Commission Regular Meeting
December 5, 2011

The Parks Commission for the City of Polk City met in regular session on December 5, 2011 at City Hall in Polk City, Iowa. Present were David Hiatt, Denise Franck, Brian Emerson and Sam Hill. Bob Fourez was absent. Also present were Council Liaison David Dvorak, Public Works Supervisor Randy Franzen, GIS Specialist Jake Schreier and Tree Board Liaison Ken Morse. Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Upon a motion by Hiatt, second by Franck the commission voted vocally and unanimously to approve the minutes of November 7, 2011.

No audience

Ken Morse Tree Board Liaison asked the commission where they would like to see trees being planted in 2012. Some of the suggestions were Marina Cove Park, landscaping at the front of the Maintenance Shop, along the right of way of Parker Blvd. at the Girls Softball field. Ken will look into what trees would be best for the Marina Cove Park area. He also asked that the dead Oak tree at the sports complex be removed by Public works. Public Works will look into the right of ways on Parker Blvd.

Council Liaison Dvorak reported to the commission on setting up a group of members of the Little League, Soccer, and girl's softball to meet with the commission on setting up rules and guide lines for the concession stand. This group will be meeting with the commission in early 2012.

Liaison Dvorak would like to see a committee set up with the residents of Marina Cove and Pine Ridge to help develop the current park land and any future park land in those housing areas. He also discussed having two meetings a year such as a town hall meeting to hear the ideas of the city residents of what they would like to see in the way of parks and trails.

Jake Schreier reported to the commission on the cost of security cameras for the sports complex. Various ideas were discussed. Schreier will bring more information to the January meeting with costs for automatic gates and different security ideas.

Randy Franzen Public Works Supervisor reported to the commission that the city parks have all been winterized. The pond at Marina Cove has been winterized and the wiring for the lights has been repaired.

The discussion and approval for the proposed renovations for field three at the sports complex was pulled from the agenda, due to all information needed to make the decision had not been received. This item will be placed on the January agenda.

The discussion and approval for the proposed use of the soccer fields for practice by the North Polk Soccer team was pulled from the agenda due to all the information needed to make the decision had not been received. This item will be placed on the January agenda.

The commission discussed the lease for the Community Garden with Polk City United Methodist Church. The commission is pleased with the lease. Commissioner Hill expressed that he is very interested to see what the community garden does in 2012.

Commissioner Franck will be attending a conference on community gardens in early 2012.

Upon a motion by Hiatt, second by Franck the commission voted vocally and unanimously to elect Brian Emerson Commission Chairman for 2012.

Upon a motion by Hiatt, second by Franck the commission voted vocally and unanimously to elect Bob Fourez Chairman pro-tem for 2012.

Upon a motion by Hiatt, second by Franck the commission voted vocally and unanimously to hold the January meeting on the 3rd due to the 2nd being a holiday.

Upon a motion by Franck, second by Hiatt the commission voted vocally and unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm.

Charlotte Loter
Deputy City Clerk