



Mission Statement:

Enriching the lives of our residents by providing safe & memorable experiences through people, places, programs, and partnerships.

Core Values

INTEGRITY: We accomplish our goals by developing an ethical, resilient & committed workforce that can adapt and thrive

COMMUNICATION:

We believe in open, honest, authentic, and respectful communication both internally and externally to maximize the quality of the parks and recreation system

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT:

We believe in innovation to continuously improve our programs, facilities, parks, and services

STEWARDSHIP:

We believe in the responsible use and protection of the natural environment through education, conservation, and sustainable practices

TEAMWORK:

We value collaboration, inclusiveness, creativity, positivity, risk taking, sharing of resources, and cooperation toward common goals while having fun!

“Be the reason someone smiles today!”

1. Call to Order:

- The regular monthly meeting of the Winterset Park and Recreation Board was held Thursday April 13, 2023 Gerleman called the meeting to order at 5:02pm at City Hall
 - Present: Darling (arrived 5:15p) , Anker, Salton (left 5:20p), Gerleman
 - Absent: Kleemeier

2. Approval of Minutes

- Salton MOTIONED to approve the Wednesday March 9, 2023 Parks and Recreation Board minutes. Anker Seconded.
All members present were in favor.

3. Review Agenda

- Nothing to add

4. Public Comment

- None

5. Unfinished Business

- None

6. New business

Approve Payment of Bills

Gerleman MOTIONED to approve. Darling Seconded
All members present in favor.

Clark Tower Ships Ladder

Smothers mentioned that the engineers and Parker Welding have finalized drawing concepts and that Parker will start the fabrication process. We may need to shut down access to Clark Tower when we install it in order to complete onsite welding. We will be removing the concrete block at the bottom of the current ladder so it will sit flush on the floor. Railing at top of tower will be much safer than the current single bar that exists currently.

All – Inclusive Playground Update

Smothers discussed that we have received some pieces of the new equipment and that they have been working diligently with the Iowa DNR contact for the Land Water & Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant as there have been several additional requests of information through various state and federal departments, which is customary for this grant. Once all reviews are complete, which should happen very soon, we will get the final approval to remove the playground. We are still on schedule as originally agreed to start on or around July 1st with completion prior to Covered Bridge Festival. Once we remove the playground, we have an informational sign ready to be installed informing users of the project.

7. Report of Director

- Applied for a Greater Madison County Community Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to assist in the renovation of Carver Park
- Park seasonal employees have been hired for season:
 - Rusty Holliday,
 - Gage Booth
 - Cael Honnold
 - Jack Loynachan
 - Jim Miller
- Restrooms and drinking fountains have been turned on. Three new toilets were installed at Giffin Fields.
- Restrooms across from “Red Playground” will remain closed as Roberts Construction is in the process of remodeling the restrooms to universal restrooms in anticipation of a new inclusive playground.
- Tennis/Pickleball nets have been installed.
- With assistance from Linda Smith, we have successfully got through our last major request, to finalize our LWCF grant for the playground. We are now awaiting tribal review and hope for that to be concluded shortly. We will then wait for a final agreement from LWCF and at that time we will be able to remove current playground.
- Parts have started to arrive for new inclusive playground.
- Winterset Rotary in partnership with Winterset Tree Commission will be planting 29 large trees along E/W Court, Jefferson and Washington Streets on Tuesday April 25th, to help reestablish the tree canopy that Winterset is known for. It was also noted in the City of Winterset Comp Plan, that the city focuses on trees, especially maintain the tree canopy in Winterset.
- Spring leagues (WLL & WASC) have begun, which means field maintenance will be in full swing with games to start shortly.
- Clark Tower and Cedar Lake access roads, after some routine maintenances have now been opened for vehicular traffic.
- New website is now fully operational.
- Squirters/Wicked Wrench have nearly completed the restoration of our Covered Bridge Water Slide for the Winterset Aquatic Center. Jerrin, has done a tremendous job on this project (photos are below of before and after)
- Pre-Construction meeting was held for the S. Shelter Renovation project of which is slated to start the first week of July. Falke Construction was awarded bid of project, Shive/hattery will be assisting with the construction management.
- Replaced last campground pad, now all pads have been upgraded from the original timbers.
- New rock was added to Clark Tower and Campground Pads

- City Park Campground opened on Saturday April 1st.
- Preseason Sales comparisons, last three years
- January 1 - March 31
 - 2021: \$22,029
 - 2022: \$29,957
 - 2023: \$31,177
- Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Madison County Realty was held Saturday April 8 with an estimated number of 325 in attendance. New Easter Bunny costume was purchased by WPR and the Easter Bunny was a huge hit!
- COED volleyball tournament was held on Wednesday March 23rd, which concluded the season
- NEW PROGRAMS:
 - Acie Early Basketball Camp for Grades 2nd – 8th Grades on June 26 – 28
 - Paddles in the Pool – July 15th
 - Youth Tennis/Pickleball in partnership with Lifetime Tennis
 1. ACEing Autism will also be offered, through Lifetime Tennis
 - Yoga at the Bridge
 1. 6 sessions with certified instructors at City Park
- Electronic Activity guide is about completed as we are awaiting programs from the Library. These will cover Spring and Summer Activities.
- Coed T-ball currently has
- Coed T- Ball is currently accepting registrations, currently have 165 participants for ages 3 - 6
- Coed Adult Softball is currently accepting registrations.
- Winterset Aquatic Center update
 - Opening Day: Monday May 29
 - New Shades should be shipped soon
 - New Picnic Tables have arrived.
 - Finalizing training material
 - Working on establishing more efficient operations for Aquatic Pool Managers which will consist of utilization of our Share Drive, as well as ability to print and scan documents for end of night tasks. This will save on paper and data entry, and should save us time as well
 - ARC Lessons/Pool rentals are now open. Private lessons will open closer to pool opening



8. Open Board Discussion

- None

9. Selection of February Finance Chair: Kleemeier

10. Adjournment

- The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting is TBD at City Hall
- Meeting to adjourn was made by Anker and seconded by Gerleman
All members present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 6.03p

Respectively submitted,

Sky Smothers, Director Parks and Recreation