MINUTES: DECORAH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
7:00pm, Thursday September 15, 2022, Whalen Cabin, Phelps Park

Rich Gaard, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members Zach Kerndt, Kathy Bakken, and Benji Nichols were present. Board member Brian Fuhrmann was absent. Staff present included Erika Huegel. No visitors were present.

Bakken moved to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2022 meeting, Nichols seconded, all approved.

Gaard advocated for holding a grand opening for the new shelter at Mary Christopher Park, and the board discussed applying for grant funding to leverage already budgeted park improvement funds. Nichols will meet with Andy Nimrod to further discuss potential options for grant funding.

Gaard reported that he sent an American Flag to the Pentagon. The flag will be flown over The Pentagon and returned for the dedication of the Veterans Memorial.

Bakken expressed interest in selling Trout Run Trail t-shirts as a fundraiser for trail maintenance.

Department reports

- *The swimming pool is empty and work continues on the pump.*
- *Flag Football and Spikesters Volleyball started Saturday, September 10.*
- *Touch A Truck will be held Saturday, October 15.*
- *Steps were added to the playground at Mary Christopher Park.*

Nichols noted that the Decorah Gear Exchange will be held Saturday, October 8 & 9 at Carl Selland Wayside Park.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm, Thursday, October 20 at Pulpit Rock Campground. Bakken motioned to adjourn, Kerndt seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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