1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Pleasant Hill Park and Recreation Commission Regular Session was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on March 9, 2023 by Chairperson Will. Present: Kayla DeBruin, Adam Fendrick, Matthew Keller, Loren Lown, and Matthew Will. Absent: Konnor Hodges and Christine Urish.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
DEBRUIN/KELLER motioned to approve the agenda. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2023 REGULAR SESSION
LOWN/KELLER motioned to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023 regular session. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

4. TIME TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION
None

5. NEW BUSINESS
None

6. CEMETERY
None

7. REPORTS
A. MONTHLY REPORT
• Submitted for two grants -
  ▪ Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant ($100K – Hickory Glen Community Pickleball Courts)
  ▪ Wellmark Built Environment Grant ($100K – Hickory Glen Community Pickleball Courts)
• Working on spring/summer community guide (available early March)
• Storywalk in the Park updates - improvements for accessibility and interactivity; QR codes for audiobook version at each station; grand opening April 4th (rain date April 11th)
• Awarded contracts for mowing, turf chemical application, and Meacham Place Park Phase 1
  ▪ Meacham Park Place Phase 1 - bids under engineer estimate; pre-con meeting in a couple weeks; build completion deadline October 1st; phase 1 includes parking lot, sidewalk, trail, sport court as add-alternate, and frontage sidewalk widening to standard trail width. Seeking grant opportunities to add playground as soon as possible.
• Hickory Glen Pavilion progress update
• Springtime 5K Hill Climb - April 15th @ 8:30am; partnering with Chamber of Commerce

B. OPERATIONS UPDATE
• Turf Chemical Application – IMP model; get best result with least amount of chemicals; tracking chemical application amounts by identified zones; customization based on uses and what areas need what for best results by use; Sports fields vs trail (high to low)
• Mayor's Monarch Pledge -
• Pollinator Patches – implemented in areas where best suited; along trails, no-mow areas, etc.; use and support of native species
• Gravel Bed Nursery – utilizes bare root stock; better root growth before planting
• Copper Creek Lake Shoreline – tall vegetation best for geese deterrent; future widening of tall vegetation areas; winding paths for fishing access but less inviting to nuisance species.
• Stormwater – MS4 City – help oversee stormwater requirements and rain barrel program.
• Sport court improvements – improving accessibility; Doanes park court resurfacing; staff CPSI (certified playground safety inspector) certification

C. CIP PROJECT UPDATE
• April start date for most projects (weather dependent)
• Doanes Park Tennis Courts - resurfacing; conversion of one court to dedicated pickle ball court and additional lines added to other courts; new courts will be the only courts east of Birdland Park; large community demand and council support for additional pickle ball courts. Commissioner Keller suggested signage at courts informing users of alternate tennis locations available.
• Smart Park Features – spring installation at Copper Creek Lake Park by bike station
• Youngstown Trail Phase 3 – mid-April start date (weather dependent)
• Doanes Park Field 4 – completed; utilized grant funds; field resurfaced; batting cages added;

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting
May 11, 2023
8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

- NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING – April 13, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
- Bird Friendly Iowa yearly paperwork – completed per program requirements
- Meeks Property – project meeting scheduled for March 20th between City Staff and Polk County Conservation.
- Prairie Grass Plantings - section between E University Ave and Little Four Mile Dr needs attention and invasive species removed.
- Spring bird migrations
- Splash Pad Schedule – pre-con meeting next month; June 30th project deadline; construction start as soon as weather allows

9. ADJOURNMENT
FENDRICK/DEBRUIN motioned to adjourn. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Jennifer Bartles
Recording Secretary