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Court turns over Humphrey building to city

FRIDAY: District B judge conveys ownership of vacant building

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A district judge has turned ownership of the Humphrey building in downtown Fort Madison over to the City of Fort Madison.

At a hearing on Friday in North Lee County Court, District 8B Judge John Wright ruled to convey ownership of the building at 732 Avenue G to the city after close to a year of hearings surrounding the poor condition of the structure.

According to Mayor Matt Mohrfeld, the city will now be looking to finish up environmental studies of the building which are currently underway to determine levels of contaminants including asbestos and lead clean up that may be required.

He said the city is working with a developer at this time to repurpose the building, but negotiations are on hold while Impact7G out of Johnston, Iowa completes the environmental work.

Courts ruled last summer that the building be vacated due to dangerous conditions. Then in November, the city filed a motion to assume ownership of the building to help secure it and then prepare it for future development after years of owner Bryan J. Humphrey failing to bring the building up to acceptable standards.

In 2021, the property was valued at just under \$150,000.

In September of 2020, District Judge Michael Schilling issued a compliance order to Humphrey to bring the building up to city code and make necessary repairs to shore up the exterior wall structures.

According to city officials no compliance or communication with Humphrey was received from the time of that order until his death in February of 2021.



MOHRFELD



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Swingspan members Alexia Lantry, top, gets in a turn as part of the Fort Madison High School performance team Friday's show choir performance. Below Abram Lorence and Kalie McFadden perform.



COUNTY NEWS

State behind LCCD plans for Denning property

State open to options for playground

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Conservation officials are moving forward with plans at the Denning Conservation property in western Lee County.

Officials are removing several structures on the property as well as converting some of the property located 1.5 miles south of Houghton, donated by the family of Eleanor Denning to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The Lee County Conservation District manages the property for the state.

According to a release Friday from LCCD Director Heather Huebner, state officials are recommending that the LCCD move forward with plans that were created between 2019 and 2021 for the property.

Huebner said she received a letter from the state DNR Natural Resources Commission that authorized the county to move forward with current plans.

Tammi Kircher, an NRC commissioner from Keokuk wrote in the letter that Department of Natural Resources officials agree with the county's five-year plan for the property.

"After discussing with Director Huebner, many of the conversation board members, the DNR Wildlife Bureau Chief, Todd Bishop, and other DNR staff, it is a consensus that the five-year plan proposed for the north side of the Denning property continue. It is worth noting that the Iowa State Historical Society was asked to evaluate the property for historical consideration, of which their report indicated it not being eligible for listing in

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PICKLEBALL

SIRRC serves up \$75K for Victory Park pickleball project

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A drive down by 24th Street and Avenue H shows what looks to be a mess on the southwest corner of Victory Park.

But in reality it's just the opposite.

A group of dedicated and passionate women have taken the southwest corner of the park under their arms, and are running toward a fundraising goal of about \$250,000 to put in six new pickleball courts where the former tennis courts used to be.

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission informed the Fort Madison Pickleball Association Friday that association would be receiving a \$75,000 grant to help pay for the new project.

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TUE 08 Mar.....Clear Skies, 41° F/ 24° F
WED 09 Mar.....Clear Skies, 40° F/ 28° F

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LUCKY FOR LIFE 03/05.....7 10 24 35 46, Lucky Ball: 12
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PICK 3 03/03, 03/04, 03/05 MIDDAY.....0 75, 413, 693
PICK 3 03/03, 03/04, 03/05 EVENING.....992, 430, 094
PICK 4 03/03, 03/04, 03/05 MIDDAY.....6936, 5353, 8694
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Opinion

Gas prices may be the literal price of Russian invasion

A good portion of my morning was spent writing replies on Facebook to people who are miffed at the rising price of gas.

I usually don't respond to much on Facebook because, well...I hate it. There's no way out of it. I don't mind debate, as a matter of fact I enjoy it, but there's something about Facebook debate. And I know what it is. There's no physical attribute to it.

When we debate in person, our bodies go into protection mode and we typically don't push the envelope because we have a mechanism that kicks in – we don't want people to hate us in person. On our phones, laptops, tablets et.al we just don't care. We feel safe.

Our safety right now is hobbled a bit as we watch Russians lob projectiles into Ukraine. That's part of the discussions we're having because, of all the things Americans are worried about right now, the price of gas seems to be at the top.

Not that people are being killed overseas, or that Putin promises to let people have an escape route, and then hits it with explosives. We're worried about \$4 per gallon of gasoline or worse.

I'd put \$20 on -200 odds that Putin has a newspaper photo of Americans lined up at gas pumps thumb-tacked to his headboard as motivational fodder. I could care less. I could care less about the price of gas if it's squeezing the Russian economy. I'll pay \$5 a gallon to help save lives.

Sure that's a bit dramatic and the supply of gasoline in America is literally what fuels our economy, but we have to sacrifice as well.



My daughter worries about something being lobbed into New York City from across the ocean. I don't blame her. But sometimes I chuckle at how this invasion is playing out. The fact that Germany seized a \$600 million yacht owned by a Russian oligarch made me laugh. A \$600 million boat...

I'm impressed with anti-aircraft batteries. These look like fireworks bases with laser tracers and they can fire so much ammunition at Russian fighter planes that it looks like a laser netting. The netting also interrupts missiles and shells from the jet. Ukrainian defensive positions have shot down quite a few jets. With a smile I watched footage of a farm tractor hauling away a Russian tank.

Then I see the death and destruction taking place in eastern Europe – apartment buildings on fire and sick children huddled in the basement of hospitals because intel said Russian forces are going to hit the hospital. It's funny no more.

Putin's on a hair trigger and I always believe in all of our better angels. It's beyond fanatical to think of

launching a nuclear strike – and not worth consideration in my mind. There's no coming back from that. So I pay more attention to how the Hawkeyes are playing and helping plan the construction of a new health department.

This conflict needs to end the right way, but wars aren't fought the same way anymore. President Biden is calling the play based on the best minds he has access to. Many other countries are in lock step and we're squeezing Russia's pressure points, which is actually saving lives and bringing global forces to bear on the issue.

To me it seems like the right way to go. Gov. Kim Reynolds and the GOP didn't seem to be offering any other solutions to the crisis, but pointed to what they perceive to be Biden's shortcomings. Isn't it prudent to ramp up pressure to see where the breaking point is? Punishment should be progressive.

When America's interests have been threatened in the past, we were the toughest kid in class because we were united. We need to get back to that mentality. We can fight our own internal issues when this gets cleaned up, but for now higher prices for gas may literally be the price we pay.

That, and for some crazy reason, having to listen about the size of the hands of quarterbacks at the NFL combines for the past four days – But That's Beside the Point.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

TERRY R. QUEEN

Terry Robert Queen, 67, of Hamilton, passed away Thursday, March 3, 2022. Terry was born February 17, 1955, the son of Robert W. and Martha (Hatch) Queen in Keokuk.



QUEEN

In 2001, he was united in marriage to Sheila (Patterson) Noble in Hamilton. She survives. Terry went to Keokuk High School and obtained his diploma in 1972. We went on to earn several trade certificates in college. Terry was a man of many talents and worked as a mechanic for KCSD, truck driver, tool and die at Vega Industries and a machinist at MMC Enterprises. He ended his working career at Sheller-Globe/Henniges Automotive in Keokuk after a combined 30+ years of service where he was a member of local Union #444.

Terry was happiest attending his "church" – the great outdoors. He loved hunting many types of game and owned hunting dogs throughout his life. Terry was an avid fisherman, happiest on the river. He enjoyed trapping and putting his green thumb to use in the garden. Terry was a man's man, and loved driving jeeps and working on old cars, especially his '48 Plymouth and the '48 Pontiac Silver Streak he owned most of his life. He was known for being honest and vocal with his opinions, delivering them with a twist of affection and sarcasm. Terry knew how to drive a point home with humor. You never knew what was going to come out of his mouth next! Terry was very strong and independent, always living life on his own terms. He was a hard worker with a strong work ethic. In life, he had a never give up or quit attitude, he was always a fighter.

Terry was an all-in, dedicated husband and his grandchildren's protector. He cherished the fun times he had with his children and grandchildren.

Terry is survived by his wife, Sheila Queen of Hamilton; mother, Martha Queen of Keokuk; three sons: Jeremy (fiancé Carmen Stevens) Queen of Blandinsville, Illinois, Nicholas Queen of Burlington, Iowa, and Tracy (Amanda Ethredge) Queen of Stephenville, Texas; two step-children: Mitchell (Becca Root) Noble of Warsaw, Illinois, and Amanda (Jeff) Maxwell of Keokuk; one brother: Alan (Vicky) Queen of Keokuk; grandchildren: Hunter Queen, Alex Wallace, Alexis (Moises) Olvera, McKenna Queen, Brandon, Kynik and Ryleigh Queen, Dalton Weaver, Ava and Anna Noble, Ryan Maxwell, Rachel Maxwell, Jayden Taft and one on the way, Minnow Queen; great-grandchildren: Reid Voels and one on the way, Elijah Olvera; his sister-in-law Audrey Queen; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Terry was preceded in death by his father, Robert Queen, and his brother, Kevin Queen.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Thursday, March 10, 2022, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk followed by burial at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. A bereavement meal will be served at the First Christian Church, 10th and Walnut, Hamilton, IL following the burial. Visitation will be held from 2:00-6:00 PM Wednesday, March 9 at the funeral home with family meeting friends from 4:00-6:00 PM. Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Sheila Queen.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com. DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARIES

NEVA J. DEILING

Neva Jean Deiling, 89, of Keokuk, IA died Saturday, March 5, 2022 at her home.

She was born September 19, 1932 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Lyman and Faye Young Brisby.



DEILING

On May 20, 1950 Neva was united in marriage to Gerard Dutch Deiling, in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on April 7, 1990. He was the love of her life.

She was a member of New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk.

Neva was a gardener with a green thumb and grew beautiful flowers. She was a loving wife and mother who was devoted to her family and made a wonderful home for her family.

She is survived by three daughters, Barb Eaton, Debbie Wilson and Lorre Long (Darrin) all of Keokuk six grandchildren, Richard West of Keokuk, Eric Wilson (Natasha) of Keokuk, Jennifer Wilson of Downers Grove, IL, Jessica Wilson of Chicago, IL, Brandon Roe (Lindsey) of Washington, DC and Nick Long (Madylin) of Colorado Springs, CO, two great-granddaughters, Avery Wilson of Arvada, CO and Sophie Wilson of Iowa City, IA and one sister-in-law, Rosie Miller (Larry) of Des Moines, IA.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents and several siblings.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Tuesday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Calvin Stevens officiating.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 2-3 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to Shiloh Children's Ranch.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorial-home.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Mount Pleasant City Council will meet in Adjourned Session Monday, March 7, 2022, at City Hall, 307 E. Monroe Street, second floor meeting room at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call.
2. Consent Agenda: To the Public – All items with an asterisk (*) are routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion and a roll call of the Councilmembers. There will be no separate discussion of items unless the Mayor, a Councilmember or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.
3. Receive & file communications- Bob Welander Midwest Old Threshers
4. Approve agenda.
- *5. Approve minutes of previous meetings.
- *6. Approve payment of bills.
- *7. Receive reports of Officers including Transfer Resolution for the month of February.
8. Old Business-
 - a) 2nd reading of proposed ordinance on no parking on W. Pearl Street.
 - b) Set date for public hearing on proposed FYE2023 budget.
 - c) Resolution ordering bids, approving plans and specifications, and setting date for public hearing on Oakbrook Place Project.
 - d) Resolution ordering bids, approving plans and specifications, and setting date for public hearing on Harvey Drive Project.
 - * e) Request from Main Street Mount Pleasant for use of Central Park for year 2022 events to sell alcohol and close parking spaces as outlined in the letter from Lisa Oetken.
9. New Business-
 - a) Approve Service Agreement with WEMIGA Waste for Spring Clean-up.
 - b) Motion to approve Mayoral Appointment to Library Board.
 - c) 1st reading of proposed ordinance to increase solid waste

charges.
 10. Public Forum.
 11. Adjourn to meet in regular session on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
March 7, 2022
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
(CDT)
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Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 Public Input
 Award Contract for North Courthouse Tuck-Point Project

Set Public Hearing for Approval of County FY23 Budget

Consider Approval of Correction to Secondary Roads Supplemental Policy

Consider Approval of Agreement with Klinger and Associates for Phase I Assessment Of Property for Health Department/ EMS Building

Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Sheaffer Memorial Golf Park

Consider Approval of Class B Beer Permit for Wever Junction

Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Fat Jimmy's Smoke House

Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution

Consider Approval of February 28, 2022 Board

Minutes
 Consider Approval of Claims for Payment Personnel Actions:
 A. New Hire-Township Trustee Reports:
 A. Recorder's Report of Fees Collected
 B. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected
 C. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected
 D. Sheriff's Reports of Fees Collected
 Commission or Committee Reports
 Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

PUBLIC MEETING
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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF
WEST BURLINGTON
Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 10,
2022 - 6:00 PM
West Burlington
City Hall
122 Broadway Street

TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
 ROLL CALL
 PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of minutes from the Planning and Zoning meeting on January 13, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Welcome new members Sandy Lee and Joe Rector
2. Update on various projects:
 - Penn's Landing
 - Celtic Crossing

- Proposed subdivisions and inquiries
- Comprehensive Plan Updates
- 3. Training opportunity for Planning and Zoning Commission through the Iowa State Extension Office

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURN

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. D-085

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10, OF THE FORT MADISON MUNICIPAL CODE DEFINING "TINY HOMES" AND ALLOWING TINY HOMES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby amend Title 10 "Zoning", Chapter 2, Definitions, by adding the following definition:

Tiny Homes: Residential structures that do not normally comply with district lot and structure requirements, but are allowed due to the unique nature and need for specialized housing assistance. Tiny homes are of such unique characteristics that they are allowed only by special use permit if listed within the district and all the criteria are met as listed in 10-22-11 of this code.

Section 2. The Fort Madison City Council does hereby amend Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 9, R-4, One-Family Dwelling District, Section 2, Special Uses, by adding the following:

Tiny Homes, provided they comply with 10-22-11 Section 3. The Fort Madison City Council does hereby amend Title

10, Zoning, Chapter 10, R-5, Two-Family Dwelling District, Section 2, Special Uses, by adding the following:

Tiny Homes, provided they comply with 10-22-11 Section 4. The Fort Madison City Council does hereby amend Title 11, Zoning, Chapter 10, R-6, Multiple Family Dwelling District, Section 2, Special Uses, by adding the following:

Tiny Homes, provided they comply with 10-22-11 Section 5. The Fort Madison City Council does hereby amend Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 16, I-1. Limited Industrial District, Section 1, Permitted Uses, by adding the following:

Tiny Homes, if approved by special use, provided they comply with 10-22-11

Section 6. The Fort Madison City Council does hereby amend Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 18, Signs, Section 3, Permitted Signs, Residential District, by adding a new Subsection K:

Tiny Homes Signs: Signs for tiny homes as approved by board of adjustment in code section 10-22-11 shall be allowed as follows:

1. A nameplate sign shall be allowed during construction and not to exceed 5 years after first occupancy.
2. Sign shall be allowed to be double faced.
3. Sign shall not exceed 6 square feet per side.
4. Sign shall not exceed 7 feet in height.
5. Sign shall not be illuminated.
6. Only one sign shall be allowed per one or

more adjoining of Tiny Homes developments.

Section 7. The Fort Madison City Council does hereby amend Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 22, Special Uses, by adding a new Section 11, "Tiny Homes":

Tiny Homes, as defined in chapter 2 of this title are of such substantially different character from other residential housing that specific and additional standards and exceptions are hereby set out to govern the approval of the board of the adjustment and appeals.

A. Developer and occupant requirements: The following requirements must be met and/or agreed to prior to approval by board of adjustment and appeals.

1. A developer requesting to construct Tiny Homes must be registered with the state of Iowa as a non-profit entity (501C3 or equivalent).

2. The developer must retain ownership for a minimum period of 5 years.

3. The developer shall provide an accessory structure of at least 80 square feet on each property developed. Said structure shall be fully enclosed, securable, and protected from the



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elements. Said structure must comply with lot and yard requirements as defined in the code for that zoning district.

4. Signs: The erection, construction, alteration and location of signs, other advertising structures,

HELP WANTED NOTICE OF JOB OPENING

Legal Secretary Lee County Attorney's Office Fort Madison, Iowa

Lee County Attorney's office has an immediate opening for one full-time (40 hours per week) Legal Secretary Position. Secretarial and legal experience is strongly preferred, but not required.

The position's successful applicant is preferred (but not required) to have the following:

1. Completion of some college level administrative support courses or an equivalent combination of training and experience.
2. Knowledge of legal terminology, legal formatting and legal forms.
3. Knowledge of modern office practices, procedures and equipment.
4. Ability to prepare accurate and timely documents, correspondence
5. Knowledge of Electronic Document Management System (EDMS).
6. Ability to learn and/or operate the County Attorney's Office Computer programs.
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11. Ability to work well and communicate with others.

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marquees and awnings shall be in conformity with the provisions of chapter 18 of this title.

B. Bulk Regulations: The following regulations shall supersede the regulations of the zoning district for the proposed structure.

a. Lot size shall be a minimum of 3500 square feet.

b. Lot width shall be a minimum of 25 feet.

c. Lot coverage shall not exceed 35%.

d. Dwelling width shall be a minimum of 16 feet.

e. Dwelling size shall be a minimum of 576 square feet.

f. Setbacks shall be at least:

- i. Front: 25 feet, but may utilize the exception in code section 10-8-6(C).
- ii. Rear yard: 30 feet.

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iii. Side yard: Side yards between tiny homes and non-tiny homes are required to meet district regulations for side yard setbacks. Side yards between multiple tiny homes shall be not less than 5 feet for each side yard, totaling not less than 10 feet between structures.

Location: Special Use Permits for Tiny Homes, if approved by Board of Adjustment and Appeals, shall be approved by resolution of City Council for location prior to becoming effective.

Section 8. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 9. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect

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If you have any questions please contact Lee County Engineer, Ben Hull at (319) 372-2541 or email him at bhull@leecounty.org.



the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any section, provision, or part thereof not judged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 10. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 1st day of March, 2022.

/s/Matt J. Mohrfeld,
Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE West Burlington Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 13, 2022

The West Burlington Planning and Zoning Commission met on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Chairman Steve Swafford presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Swafford, Karen Dewey, Larisa Conner, and Gary Deen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Blake Ruther and Sandy Lee

ALSO PRESENT: City

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Clerk Kelly Fry
CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Dewey, seconded by Conner, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes: Swafford, Dewey, Conner, and Deen

PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Consider approval of minutes from the Planning and Zoning meeting on October 14, 2021

Moved by Dewey, seconded by Conner, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes: Swafford, Dewey, Conner, and Deen

NEW BUSINESS
Consider appointing Chairman for 2022

Moved by Dewey, seconded by Conner, to appoint Steve Swafford as the Chairman for 2022. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes: Swafford, Dewey, Conner, and Deen

Consider appointing Vice-Chairman for 2022
Moved by Dewey, seconded by Swafford, to appoint Gary Deen as Vice Chairman for 2022. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes: Swafford, Dewey, Conner, and Deen

Consider appointing P&Z Member to serve on the Board of Adjustment
Moved by Swafford, seconded by Dewey, to appoint Gary Deen to

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LIBRARY ASSISTANT PART-TIME Fort Madison Public Library

The Fort Madison Public Library is seeking a part time (26 hours/week) library assistant. Tasks will include assisting library patrons at the circulation desk, managing books by mail and interlibrary loan services, compiling monthly statistics, social media and publicity. Requirements include high school graduate or equivalent and computer skills. Preference will be given to applicants with previous library and/or public relations experience. Applicants are also required to live in the state of Iowa. Working hours include Thursday evenings and every fourth Saturday. Applications are available at the Fort Madison Public Library. Applications will be taken until the job is filled. Call Sarah Clendinning at (319) 372-5721 if you have any questions.



serve as the Planning and Zoning Commission's representative on the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes: Swafford, Dewey, Conner, and Deen

Review 2020 Comprehensive Plan Goals and discuss updating plan

The Commission briefly discussed updating the City's Comprehensive Plan. City Administrator Mandsager plans to hold a Goal Setting Session with City Council as soon as the budget process has been completed. Once Council has established goals, they can be used to help get started with the update. More information will be provided to outline the steps in updating the plan.

OLD BUSINESS
ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Moved by Dewey, seconded by Conner, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes: Swafford, Dewey, Conner, and Deen

Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk
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From the Front

State recommends change in playground plans

DENNING - Continued from Page 1

the National Register of Historic Places (opposite their finding on the barn located on the south side of the road),” Kircher wrote.

“Therefore, the barns on the north side will be taken down and hopefully repurposed. With the same passion that came into the conservation board meeting on February 7th, I hope you continue to look for grants and other income sources that will allow these barns – or at least the oldest barn – to be taken down in a respectful manner and rebuilt on other conservation property for the many uses that were mentioned at the meeting.”

Huebner said per contracts already in place the demolition will work begin again immediately. The LCCD put a hold on the work after a February board meeting where several area property owners advocated for the preservation of the property.

The county also uncovered a trust fund the Den-

ning had set aside for maintenance of the playground currently on the property. No one associated with the board or the DNR was aware of that trust at the end of 2021 and the Conservation board is investigating the trust.

Kircher wrote that plans for the playground should be amended to include plans for retaining the playground.

“Regarding the playground, the same (state) individuals involved in the conversation did feel that the language in the 28(E) Agreement should be amended or modified to delete verbiage for eliminating the playground. I have suggested language, which has been approved by the Wildlife Bureau and our legal counsel,” Kircher said.

Huebner said the Conservation Board will review the suggested edits and could act at a future board meeting.

Over the past three years plans were created and implemented in conjunction with the Wildlife Division of the Iowa DNR for the property. Iowa State Historical Society (SHPO) conducted surveys, archeological digs,

etc. to review the property.

At a December 2021 board meeting, after an extensive review of the Denning property was conducted, utilizing the Iowa State Historical Society (SHPO) surveys and reports, the board voted unanimously to remove all buildings from the north side of the property.

Huebner said the board is willing to hear ideas on what to do with the deconstructed barns on the north side of the property, but they cannot keep them at that location.

The full letter from the Natural Resource Commission can be found on the Lee County Conservation Website.

“The LCCB appreciates citizens’ patience as we work with the Natural Resource Commission on how to move forward with this project. The Board also sincerely thanks everyone that has participated, researched, and advocated for the conservation and preservation of the Denning Property for their time, passion, and professionalism in dealings with the Board,” Huebner said.

City preps Victory for pickleball

DONATION - Continued from Page 1

Fort Madison City Councilwoman Donna Amandus, who’s helping spearhead the new courts said the \$75,000 grant puts the group at about 2/3 of their funding goal.

The space now has had fencing removed by the city as in-kind contributions to the project. The city also went in and pulled off the cover that was used for the tennis courts, leaving just the subsurface, some poles, and the lighting.

Trees have also been removed near the courts to make room for the footprint of the new addition to the park.

The city council committed \$50,000 in cash to the project on top of the in-kind donations of labor to get the surface ready.

The tennis courts had very little use at the park due to the poor condition, and quality of a refurbishing that took place about 10 years ago.

However, several neighbors and park board members pushed back saying the city should have some additional tennis courts. The city currently has six courts at Fort Madison High School that are publicly available when not in use by the high school. There are four other courts at Holy Trinity Catholic that the public can use when not in use by the schools.

The city currently has no outdoor pickleball courts with the YMCA being the only place where the sport can be played with limited availability.

Victory Park is the only location, however, that has lighting for night play.



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Waiver & release must be signed before play begins.

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