



Rotary Club to pay for Eagle Point Lodge renovations

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CLINTON, Iowa (KWQC) – Clinton’s Eagle Point Park is getting a facelift, with big changes to the lodge, a popular community center. It’s a \$1 million dollar project, but the city is not paying the bill. Instead, a local group has stepped up, raising the money to get it done.

The Lodge is used for wedding receptions, picnics, graduation parties and political gatherings every year.

“I don’t think there is a Saturday or maybe one Saturday available from April through October of 2016,” recreation director, Gregg Obren said.

He says the facility could use some improvements.

“It needs a facelift, I’ll be the first one to admit it,” he said. “The siding will be upgraded, you know if we do something with different kinds of shingles. The basic building is not going to change. It’s just going to be given a polish.”

Unlike most million-dollar projects, the city won’t need to figure out how to pay for that or the other proposed renovations, involving adding a patio and two new canopies.

“And there’s an actual door that would go from the meeting room into the women’s room,” Obren said.

Instead, the Rotary Club of Clinton has decided to give the 1934, WPA-built Eagle Point Lodge a makeover, in honor of their 100th anniversary.

“This project is extremely unique because the Rotarians are willing to privately raise the money that is going to make this project a reality,” Obren said.

Mayor Mark Vulich says he appreciates their effort, too.

“It’s great for an organization to come forward like that,” he said. “That’s something that they’ve been very good at doing is when they put their mind to raising the money, they get the money raised and they get the project done.”

He says the project comes at the perfect time, with roads within the park already scheduled to be resurfaced and reconstructed, as approved in last year’s budget.

“The whole park is getting a facelift, it’s really neat,” Obren said.

“No acts of kindness like this will ever be turned down by the city,” Mayor Vulich added.

The road resurfacing and reconstructing projects within the park are expected to be completed by Memorial Day and the Lodge should be done later this summer.