

**City of Whitewater**  
**Parks and Recreation Board Agenda**  
**Tuesday, November 11, 2014 - 5:30 pm**  
Community Room – 1st Floor, Whitewater Municipal Building  
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Consent Agenda:**

CA-A	Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of October 14, 2014
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**Hearing of Citizen Comments:**

No formal action will be taken during this meeting, although issues raised may become part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a 3 minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however, citizens are invited to speak to those issues as designated in the agenda.

**Staff Reports:**

Recreation & Community Events Programmer	Halloween Activities, After School Update, & NRPA Conference
Parks & Recreation Director	Project Update, WPRA Annual Conference

**Considerations:**

C-1	Discussion and possible action related to maintenance of the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve
C-2	Discussion and possible action related to Cravath Lakefront Park and specifically tree planting and its impact on Special Events
C-3	Work session to establish 5 year goals for Strategic Plan process
C-4	Request for future agenda items
C-5	Adjourn

# Memo

**To:** Parks and Recreation Board  
**From:** Matt Amundson, Parks and Recreation Director  
**Date:** November 4, 2014  
**Re:** November 11<sup>th</sup> Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

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## **C-1 Discussion and possible action related to maintenance of the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve**

I included a letter in the support packet received from Ken Kienbaum regarding the mounds. This will be an opportunity for the board to discuss any concerns related to the site and direct staff regarding future maintenance.

## **C- 2 Discussion and possible action related to Cravath Lakefront Park and specifically tree planting and its impact on Special Events**

This is a follow up item from the October meeting if the Board is interested in further discussion or action related to this item.

## **C-3 Work session to establish 5 year goals for Strategic Plan process**

I plan to lead the Board on a goal setting exercise for the next five years for the Parks & Recreation Department. The goal will be to develop 7-10 goals like the example below that have a statement and objectives.

Goal Statement: **Improve lake health and recreational access.**

Goal Objectives:

1. Address the need for improvements to boat launches (Cravath), piers, and docks along Cravath and Trippe Lakes.
  - a) Complete feasibility study of docks
  - b) Develop a timetable and funding schedule for completion

2. Improve education and communication within the community regarding the lakes and lake health.
3. Evaluate and take action regarding new and existing strategies for lake clean-up and restoration.
  - a) Complete lake dredging feasibility study.
  - b) Evaluate lake harvesting by contract or in-house
  - c) Explore the possibility of a Lake District
  - d) Increase storm water sediment removal through city-wide infrastructure improvements
  - e) Proactively engage the DNR to assist with restoration efforts including invasive species abatement and fish stocking of the lakes
4. Explore recreation adventures (paddle boats, stand up board)

Your consideration of these matters is greatly appreciated.

Thanks!

Matt Amundson,  
Parks & Recreation Director

**City of Whitewater  
Parks and Recreation Board  
Minutes**

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**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger, Jen Kaina, (5:50 ) Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, and Bruce Parker. Absent: .

Staff: Matt Amundson, Deb Weberpal, Chuck Nass

Guests: Dave Saalsa, Tammy Brodnicki. Jean Mills, Blake Scharine, Karen Coburn, Karen McCullough, Andrew Krohn, Sherry Stanek, Bev Stone, and Dave Stone.

**Consent Agenda:**

Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of September 9, 2014

Kidd moved to accept the consent agenda. Second by Jaeger. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Sarah Hansberry, Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, and Bruce Parker. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina.

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**Staff Reports:**

Parks & Recreation Director

Abby Schultz's last day was Friday. Interim has been filled with Brooke Friess. Interned with W3 last year. Interim will be through hire of full time replacement. Amundson gave a slide show of the work this year on the field through the grand opening. Also viewed concession and projected costs for the concession stand. \$174,720 is left for the concession stand, bleachers and batting cage. Viewed the 5 year operating budget.

**Considerations:**

**Review and approve Urban Forestry Committee's recommendation for Downtown Streetscape**

Amundson referred to the Board packet. Downtown and the UFC have reviewed the plans and both approve. Final placing of the trees will be decided with the downtown Whitewater group. Kidd moved to approve the plan pending final details. Second by Deporter. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Sarah Hansberry, Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, and Bruce Parker. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina.

**Discussion and possible action related to Cravath Lakefront Park and specifically tree planting and its impact on Special Events**

Knedler opened the meeting and allowed 5 minutes per group to give their opinions.  
(Kaina arrived 5:50)

Karen Coburn - Chairperson UFC; She read a letter encouraging planting of some trees in Cravath Lakefront park.

Blake Scharine – 4<sup>th</sup> July committee – Parks have uses and he would like to see appropriate use of all parks for all people.

Tammy Brodnicki – Downtown Whitewater but representing herself – Would like downtown to have been invited to the meeting. Required by city to do four special events. Required to have space for 25 teams to be sanctioned for Pig in the Park.

Andrew Crone - Shared letter from Thayer Coburn (board received it). Has been to several events with trees and in forests.

Amundson – Award winning park developed with the intent of hosting events. It's beautiful; trees are one component to a beautiful park. Stage is nonfunctional and would like to investigate an amphitheater.

Dave Saalsaa commented Downtown is looking at removable shade canopies for events. Trees may need to be pruned around light poles near the facility and along the railroad tracks.

Board is tabling any action until next month.

**Request for future agenda items**

There were no requests for future items

**Adjourned at 6:50 pm.**

Motion to adjourn by Kaina. Second by Deporter. Affirmed by voice vote.

**Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, November 11, 5:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal

From Isch Kionbaya m  
To Parks committee

I looked the mounds  
park over. It is infested  
with creeping charlie & different  
kinds of thistles, nettles also  
stick tites. Then there is  
A very big crop of Burdocks,  
Then there is a little of natural  
June grass, A very big amount  
of Canada grass and a few  
other flowers like violets  
and some others you had  
named. Some bushes around the  
edge such as Blackberries and  
other berries that birds eat.

The comment about the  
birds most of them have  
left and went south. Earlier  
in the year there were  
many birds out there. The  
big oak tree that was hit by  
lightning and fell down should be  
cut up for fire wood. That's what  
the native Americans would have done.

The mounds were never  
seeded down. This year  
burning it in the spring will  
get rid of some seeds  
from the weeds but not  
all of them.

You will have to spray  
them when they come up  
after the burn.

There were no small trees  
cut by mowing it this fall.

I will tell you there  
are many seeds in the  
ground that come natural.

But if you're going to seed  
a field it's burned then  
after weeds are sprayed  
the plant whatever you  
want.

As far as markers for the  
mounds my brother will  
donate them, and please  
them where you would like  
them put. The old farm