

City of Whitewater
Indian Mounds Park Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2010 - 5:00pm
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm by Matt Amundson.

Present: Mariann Scott, Sue Scherer, Shelia Kindwall

City Staff: Matt Amundson

Approval of December 1, 2009 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting were approved on a voice vote

Possible action on proposed signage

Amundson shared a proof of proposed entrance signage for the park that contains the new park name, Whitewater Mounds Archeological Preserve. Discussion followed and some possible changes were suggested. Amundson will follow up with sign manufacturer and bring revised proof to the next meeting.

Discuss Maintenance Practices of Mounds Park as restoration plan is prepared

Scott referred to a winter visit to the site and noted that people did not walk in the areas that were not maintained but people do walk in areas that are mowed, including the mounds. Also concerns expressed about people cross-country skiing within the park and over the mounds.

Discussion also focused on the fact that the soil on the site cannot be disturbed and that changes to current maintenance practices will need to be followed.

Discuss Education Efforts and Tour Guide Training/Listing of Tour Guides

Landmarks Commission has discussed concept of hosting several tours, having one in May, and an evening walk on or near June 21st. Also discussed a late fall and/or winter tour. A tour guide program will need to be reviewed and developed in the future.

Scott shared some historical accounts of the park from 1920 that were published in the Palmyra Enterprise and Whitewater Register.

Deed Restrictions in regards to the Park

A brief discussion was held on the belief of a "buffer zone" along the park. To date no research has identified this "buffer zone" that may or may not have been included in the original plat for the subdivision.

Questions or Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 9th at 5:00 pm. Agenda Items to be discussed include park signage, Friends of the Mounds Group, Develop Maintenance Plan for the summer of 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Amundson

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