

City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes
Monday October 21, 2013 - 4:30pm
Community Room - 1st Floor, Whitewater Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order and Roll Call

Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, and Bruce Parker (4:35). Absent: Teri Smith. Kim Gosh and Jen Kaina.

Staff: Matt Amundson, Deb Weberpal, Michelle Dujardin and Abby Schultz

Guests: None

Consent Agenda

Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of September 26, 2013

No items to be removed from consent agenda. Kidd moved to accept the consent agenda. Second by Jaeger. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Parker, Smith, Kaina, and Gosh. Motion passed.

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.

There were no citizen comments.

Staff Reports:

Director Matt Amundson: Treyton's Field of Dreams Construction - Amundson showed pictures of construction progress. Work has begun on the small parking lot and path today. One week to 10 days behind schedule because of weather. (Parker arrived 4:35) Volunteers working with Russell Walton are making a final push to haul remaining fill to the site.

Turtle Mound Park Playground-Old playground has been removed and installation is this Wednesday and Thursday.

Trail Extension – Discussion with Lowell Hagen to coordinate/communicate with the township to share bike/pedestrian master plan, DNR's plan.

NRPA Congress – highlights: ADA session - now working on compliance, Proragis is an NRPA GIS program, destination facilities, technology sessions, trade show highlights – trail counters, accessible canoe/kayak launch, bottle refill stations, solar trail lighting.

Discussion and approval of site plan, floor plan, elevations, and a rendering for the proposed pavilion at Starin Park related to Treyton's Field of Dreams

Amundson referred to the packet. Original plan reviewed. He reviewed the few changes that went to plan board. Parker moved to accept the plan revisions. Second by Knedler. Ayes: Deporter, Jaeger, Kidd, Knedler, Parker. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Smith, Kaina, and Gosh. Motion passed.

Discussion and possible action related to Lakes Management

Amundson referred to the packet. DNR Lakes Biologist feels mechanical harvesting is best short term solution which would include a navigational channel. Harvesting is visible and the community will see the difference. Harvesting will occur in June and early August on both lakes. Amundson has identified potential grants. Parker moved to approve use of mechanical harvesting in 2014 on both Trippe and Cravath Lakes. Second by Kidd. Ayes: Deporter, Jaeger, Kidd, Knedler, Parker. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Smith, Kaina, and Gosh. Motion passed.

Presentation of Rec Desk and GoStrive

Amundson previewed the new RecDesk site online and previewed some of the new items. It will be implemented on December 1. We will be fully integrated with Strive beginning once RecDesk is up and running.

Discussion and work session related to the Park & Open Space Plan / Parks & Recreation

Strategic Plan

- Review of Existing Recreation Programming
In the packet is information from last master plan and program document from budget. Amundson identified an area of growth in potential programming could be in before and after school opportunities. There could be opportunities to include community in addition to after school children. Other potential programming included: Tennis, Music, AAU sports, Community band, Parents night out, Nature based programming, Ski Club, and Lifetime sports/activities.
- Recommended Recreation Programming (5 & 10 Year Goals)

Request for future agenda items

Decision on where 4th of July carnival employee "camp" will be in 2014.

Adjourn

6:03 pm. Motion by Deporter. Second by Knedler. Affirmed by voice vote.

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal