

**City of Whitewater**  
**Parks and Recreation Board**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, December 8, 2015 - 5:30 pm**  
Community Room – 1st Floor, Whitewater Municipal Building  
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler and Kori Oberle. Absent: Nate Jaeger, Rachel Deporter and Jen Kaina.

Staff: Matt Amundson, Deb Weberpal

Guests: Shelly and Nate Black, Jason Hammond, Dave Wildenburg, Al Stark and Andy Mueller

**Consent Agenda: Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of November 10, 2015**

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

**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 public comments

**Staff Reports:**

Senior Coordinator

Working on RFP for the outdoor fitness equipment and looking for grants or donations to augment the project. There is support from the Student Center for Disabilities. Presentations will be made on the project to local civic organizations.

Chili Cook-off will be Saturday February 13 at Freeze Fest. There is no entry fee this year in hopes of gaining more participants.

Parks & Recreation Director

Preented a slide show of the projects accomplished this year. The new pier at Cravath will be put in, in the spring. The list of 2016 projects is in the packet.

**Discussion and possible action related to Minneiska & Trippe Lake park improvements**

Amundson referred to the packet. Minneiska Park is scheduled for a playground in 2018. Discussion centered around making improvements at Trippe Lake with the funds or Minnieska Park because of the

proximity of the parks. A survey was sent out by email, on Park and Recreation facebook page, the city website, and to those with a recdesk account. Discussions Included:

- Limited resources to maintain and replace equipment at both parks. (Kidd)
- Trippe Lake due for upgrades in 2025 and will need to be ADA compliant. This will encompass parking on Coburn Lane and playground surfacing.
- Developer promised a playground in the neighborhood when WES was developed. (Parker, Hammond)
- Trippe is a community Park; Minneiska is a neighborhood park (Kidd, Amundson)
- Hammond, Stark, Wildenburg: Feel dollars would go further at and should stay with Minneiska. Many families with children in the neighborhood.
- Options: Let Trippe Lake equipment expire and remove; only put playground at Minneiska. Move Trippe playground equipment nearer to the parking lot for ADA. Mueller commented the neighborhood association may be willing to assist with some funding.
- Stark concerned not everyone got the survey

Amundson asked if we should move Minneiska to the 2017 CIP? He would also like to have a master plan for Trippe Lake Park.

#### **Discussion and possible action related to Park Development Fees**

Amundson referred to the packet. The CIP and Park Development Fees should be tied together. There were some questions on multi-family versus single family charges to developers. Amundson will bring a form and fees a developer would see in January.

#### **Discussion and possible action related to anti-bullying recreation program policy**

Amundson referred to the packet and commented the policy is similar to the WUSD policy. The information and training will be provided to employees and youth sports coaches. Reporting was questioned and Amundson stated an incident report would be provided to all parties involved. He will run the policy by the City Attorney and bring back for final approval.

#### **Discussion and direction related to department staffing**

The current position will be renamed to include Athletic in the position title. Salary will be mid- 30's.

#### **Request for future agenda items**

Bike Corral for Cravath

Electrical Supply for the City Market

#### **Adjourn**

Kidd moved to adjourn at. Second by Oberle. Ayes: Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Nate Jaeger, Rachel Deporter and Jen Kaina.

**Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 5:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal