

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

Wednesday, March 9th, 2016 - 7:00 pm

Cravath Lakefront Room – 2nd Floor, Whitewater Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order and Roll Call

Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, Kori Oberle, and Nate Jaeger

Absent: Jen Kaina, Brandon Knedler, and Rachel Deporter

Staff: Matt Amundson, Michelle Dujardin, Deb Weberpal, Brian de laTorriente

Guests: Dan Sable, Karen Coburn, Sherri Stanek

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of February 10, 2016

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

Absent: Jen Kaina, Rachel Deporter and Brandon Knedler

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.

No Citizen Comments

Staff Reports: Parks & Recreation Director:

New Athletic Program Coordinator: Brian de laTorriente was introduced as the new Athletic Program Coordinator.

Facility Maintenance: Dan Buckingham was named in the new Facility Maintenance position and will start on March 21st

Aquatics & Fitness: Debbi Oas was extended an offer for the new Aquatics & Fitness Director position and will begin on April 4th.

Improvement Projects: The Effigy Mounds Preserve boulder signs have been moved to the City Garage due to weather. Cravath Fencing-A meeting will be scheduled with vendors in conjunction with the Cravath fencing project. Field of Dreams-The Field of Dreams restroom and concessions materials have arrived and progress will be started shortly.

Considerations:

Discussion and possible action related to the Urban Forestry Commission's plan to create a butterfly garden at Clay Street Nature Park.

Karen Coburn and Sherri Stanek presented the plan of creating a butterfly garden at Clay Street Nature Park by using native plants for the purpose of education, natural food source, reproduction area, and meet a requirement of Bird City program. The plan would also include volunteers to maintain the area so city crew would not have to maintain the area. Amundson commented on leaving ample space on both sides of garden for future path development. Oberle questioned the timeline of the plan- committee is hopeful the plan will be sooner than later and is waiting for the city crew to take up a chunk of sod. Having blooms this year is the goal.

Oberle moved to approve the Butterfly Garden Plan at Clay Street Nature Park given by the Urban Forestry Commission. Second by Kidd. Ayes: Nate Jaeger, Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, Rachel Deporter and Brandon Knedler

Discussion and possible action related to the purchase of outdoor fitness equipment from Lee Recreation.

Weberpal presented the two proposals that fit within the budget. Both Weberpal and Amundson recommend Lee Recreation as the vendor due to equipment options and company reputation. The equipment is proposed to be placed on the West side of the sidewalk next to the playground. Jaeger questioned warranty of equipment- Weberpal stated each piece of equipment is different but has a 10-20 year warranty.

Kidd moved to approve and recommend to council the purchase of outdoor fitness equipment from Lee Recreation. Second by Parker. Ayes: Nate Jaeger, Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, Rachel Deporter and Brandon Knedler

Approval of contract with Midwest Aquatics for 2016 lake harvesting

Amundson commented that the lakes are looking better due to harvesting and presented the contract with Midwest Aquatics and recommended the continued harvesting.

Parker moved to approve the contract with Midwest Aquatics. Second by Oberle. Ayes: Nate Jaeger, Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, Rachel Deporter and Brandon Knedler.

Discussion and possible action related to a feasibility study on dredging Cravath & Trippe Lakes

Amundson stated the Surface Water Grant the City applied for was not granted. Amundson suggested using the funds allocated in the budget for the purchase of a Harvester be used for a feasibility study on dredging Cravath & Trippe Lake. Amundson commented this study would cost approximately \$30,000 and would give us information to create a tangible future plan.

Parker moved to send the recommendation to council of the Harvester funds be used for a dredging feasibility study. Second by Jaeger. Ayes: Nate Jaeger, Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, Rachel Deporter and Brandon Knedler

Request for future agenda items

None were stated

Adjourn

Parker moved to adjourn at 7:57. Second by Oberle. Ayes: Nate Jaeger, Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, Rachel Deporter and Brandon Knedler

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Dujardin