

City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board
Draft Minutes
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 – 7:00 pm
Community Room – 1st Floor, Whitewater Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order and Roll Call

Bruce Parker, Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler (7:02) and Kori Oberle. Absent: Jen Kaina, Rachel Deporter

Staff: Matt Amundson, Deb Weberpal, Deb Oas

Guests: Karen Coburn

Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of March 9, 2016

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

7:02 Knedler arrived

Staff Reports: Parks & Recreation Director

Introduction of Aquatic & Fitness Programmer, Debbi Oas. She is settled into her office, met the staff, reviewed finances, done a facility walk through, looked at operations and staff policies. Starting to look at summer employment. There is a weekly transition meeting and the registration software transition is scheduled for June. Deb has background in Aquatics and fitness and has worked at YMCA's, schools and parks and recreation. The family locker room will be closed next week for a plumbing repair. Two new treadmills are arriving soon. Paula Malone is working to update and make some repairs before the change in July.

Improvement Project Update: Amundson reviewed the list in the packet.

Discussion and possible action related to converting park land at Trippe Lake Park & Walton Oaks Park into no-mow conservancy areas

A no mow conservancy is environmentally friendly, In Year 1 it will be a no mow area; in year 2 Native seeding will take place. Looking at Walton Oaks and the sledding hill at Trippe Lake Park. Amundson included articles from NRPA about No Mow. Doing it as a trial to see if it reduces staff time and if there

will be any citizen concerns. It would be mowed with a large are mower two times a year. It was requested to have a swath mowed for those who walk and bike the hill. A path would also be maintained at Walton Oaks. Coburn commented there are already a lot of natives at Walton Oaks. Kidd moved to endorse the idea of tow areas being Lo Mow Area with paths as appropriate. We'll serve as a test for other parks in the future. This is a one year trial. Second by Jaeger. Ayes: Bruce Parker, Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rachel Deporter and Jen Kaina.

Report from the Urban Forestry Commission on proposed plans for Minneiska Park planting and possible action related to plan.

Karen Coburn presented the proposal for tree planting in the park. The Park Board likes the plan and turned it back to the UFC for a plan to approve at the next meeting.

Discussion and possible action related to Community Development Authority's offer of land for park use at the corner of Jefferson Street and Starin Road

This land would be used as a potentially dry and handicapped accessible park. It's close to Starin Park, 3.1 ares on the south side of Starin Road. Challenges include: Identifying a parking area, fencing, water supply (should be able to access) and ADA parking. Jaeger moved to accept the offer. Second by Parker. Ayes: Bruce Parker, Nate Jaeger, Brandon Knedler, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rachel Deporter and Jen Kaina, Kidd was out of room.

Discussion and possible action related to sponsorship agreement with Fort Community Credit Union (FCCU) for naming rights of Field #4 at Starin Park

Knedler moved to accept to sponsorship agreement with Fort Community Credit Union for Field #4. Second by Oberle. Ayes: Bruce Parker, Nate Jaeger, Brandon Knedler, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rachel Deporter and Jen Kaina, Kidd was out of room.

Presentation related to branding and logo development for the Parks and Recreation Department

The board reviewed the proposals. Comments included less blocky lettering and a lighter clearer blue. Amundson will take the comments back to the designer

Request for future agenda items

Set meeting day and time with new board members.

Adjourn

Kidd moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Second by Parker. Ayes: Bruce Parker, Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rachel Deporter and Jen Kaina.

Next scheduled meeting:

TBD, Amundson will send Doodle poll

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal