



**Parks and Recreation Board Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2022– 5:30 pm**  
Hybrid Meeting

**1. June Park Board Memo:**

- a. Documents: November 16, 2022 Park Board Packet.pdf**

**2. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Kathleen Fleming, Dan Fuller, Jen Kaina, Mike Kilar, Carol McCormick, Megan Matthews (arrived at 5:40), Steve Ryan, Deb Weberpal (left at 6:29), Korie Oberlie. Absent: Ben Prather  
Staff: Eric Boettcher, Michelle Dujardin, Jennifer French  
Guests: Peggy VanScotter, Richard Helnide, Ben Adamitus, James Olm, Pete Killorn, Larry Kachel, Pat Blackmore, Jamie Wiegler, Sherry Stanick

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Motioned by Korie Oberlie. Second by Steve Ryan. Ayes: Kathleen Fleming, Dan Fuller, Jen Kaina, Mike Kilar, Carol McCormick, Steve Ryan, Deb Weberpal, Korie Oberlie

**4. Consent Agenda**

**5. Hearing of Citizens comments**

**6. Staff reports**

6.a. Directors Report- Staffing and Lakes Update- Eric Boettcher

Athletic Program Coordinator position has been posted. Hoping to have a new coordinator by the first of the year.

Whitewater Parks and Recreation meet with the Highschool athletic director and a few others to find the best way for sports to grow. They plan on making a year calendar for everyone to see, that way sports do not overlap and children and parents don't have to choose one or the other.

There was a lakes meeting October 15<sup>th</sup>, this had a great attendance.

November 1<sup>st</sup> the city stocked more fish into the lakes. 100 4-6 in Bluegill, 600 Crappie, 500 Yellow perch, and 10lbs Golden Shiner.

Hoping to have the hunting program back Fall of 2023

6.b Program Staff Reports- Michelle Dujardin

Letters to Santa is back this year. Last year there were over 60 letters written out. One class from Washington brought their kids over as a field trip. Deck the House will be going on again this year. More information on where to submit pictures will be up on the website and Facebook page Monday, November 21.

Parks and Recreation department will be in the Holiday Parade this year promoting the dog parks and cleaning up after the dogs.

Polar plunge will be March 18 2023, hopefully it will be warmer than previous years.

Adult Programmer- Jennifer French

Memberships are coming due. We will be collaborating with the Whitewater Aquatic and Fitness Center. If someone gets a membership at the Senior Center they will get that much off of their WAFC membership.

6.d WAFC Updates- Eric Boettcher

WAFC brought back their cycling class, which is being well received.

Will be doing a Turkey Burn the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the morning of Thanksgiving.

Still looking for Lifeguards, trying to make the advertisement fun and inviting.

There is a good chance that the WAFC will end the year with positive budget.

Discussion:

Larry Kachel- Wondered what the Deficit was for the WAFC

Boettcher- around \$400,000.

Larry Kachel- Wants to see Staff there more often and not working remotely. Food during parties was a great way to bring in money.

### **Considerations**

7.a Urban Forestry Arboretum Presentation

Sherry Stanick presented on the great things that have been happening for the Arboretum.

They sold 140 native shrubs and trees at their Arbor Day sale. The streets crew planted almost 200 trees and shrubs around Starin Park. Urban Forestry had a handful of volunteers that were taking care of the plants throughout the summer. Urban Forestry hosted their first educational workshops, ranging on different topics about Arboretums. Urban Forestry had 45 middle school and high school students came to learn about trees and plants, then were able to plant some trees of their own. The welcome center is in place, all that is left is to put the shingles on.

7B Effigy Mounds

Boettcher stated they are working to get the rest of the front part mowed. There is \$25,000 in the city reserve that will be going toward the restoration. Boettcher will also be putting in a grant with the Vibrant Spaces Grant due January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion:

Peggy Van Scotter (guest)- Wanted to know how much it cost to mow, when would be the next time to mow, and if the City was open to working with other groups in the city to raise money.

Boettcher- Mowing cost between \$2,000 and \$4,000 and won't mow until the spring of 2023.

The city is open to other groups working to raise money.

Megan Matthews- mentioned working with Dr. Juk at UW-Whitewater to help with the grant and possibly presentations.

Korie Oberlie- Will the \$25,000 cover the rest of the mowing of the grass.

Boettcher: Hopefully, we will know more Thursday, November 17.

Korie Oberlie- Concerned about the requirements of the grant and what we are hoping to use it for. May need to use the money to make the Effigy Mounds more attractive. Brought up a visible walking path, benches for presentations, possible viewing deck at certain locations, and a 3D map of the park.

Peter Killorn (guest)- Professor at UW-Whitewater that would be happy to help and get his students involved.

Sherry Stanick (guest)- Have any Native American groups been approached to help.

Korie Oberlie- Native American groups have been contacted, the community needs to show more interest before they help.

Pat Blackmore (guest)- Noted that other grants were denied in the past because the grant board did not think the city/ community were interested in keeping it preserved.

Jamie Wiegler (guest)- Any effort needs to be educational. There is nothing to be concerned about if you know nothing about it.

Korie Oberlie- Suggested a group of individuals help coordinate the grant and everything else so it wasn't just on Eric.

Motion by Steve Ryan to approve the City of Whitewater apply for the \$25,000 grant to help restore the Effigy Mound. Second by Jen Kaina. Ayes: Flemming, Fuller, Kaina, Kilar, McCormick, Matthews, Ryan, Oberlie. Absent: Weberpal and Prather

8 Future Agenda Items

Megan Matthews- Collaboration of Programs

Korie Oberlie- Effigy mounds update

#### **9. Adjournment**

Motion by Jen Kaina to adjourn at 6:36pm. Second by McCormick. Ayes: Flemming, Fuller, Kaina, Kilar, McCormick, Matthews, Ryan, Oberlie Absent: Ben Prather, Deb Weberpal. Noes: None. Abstain: None

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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