



**Parks and Recreation Board Agenda**  
**Wednesday, January 23, 2019 – 5:30 pm**  
 Cravath Lake Front Room  
 312 W. Whitewater Street  
 Whitewater, WI 53190

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Consent Agenda:**

CA-A	Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of December 5, 2018
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**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.

**Staff Reports:**

Director Report	Staffing Updates, Lakes Management, WDNR Planning Grant and more...
Program Staff Reports	Program and Event Updates
Aquatic Staff	Facility and program updates

**Considerations:**

C-1	Discussion and review of current and proposed WAFC membership levels and fees
C-2	Discussion and Recommendation of Park Smoking Ban (Directed by Council)
C-3	Discussion and Possible Recommendation on Aquatic Center Boiler replacement
C-4	Request for Future Agenda Items
C-5	Adjournment



**Parks and Recreation Board Agenda**  
**Wednesday, December 05, 2018 – 5:30 pm**  
Cravath Lake Front Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Whitewater Municipal Building  
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Jen Kaina, Matthew Sylvester-Knudtsen, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Bruce Parker, Carol McCormick, Mike Kilar and Jaime Weigel. Absent: Larry Kachel and Steve Ryan  
Staff: Eric Boettcher, Brian de la Torriente, Debbie Oas and Lorelei Bowen.

**Consent Agenda:**

CA-A Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of October 17, 2018

Motion by Kidd to accept the consent agenda. Second by McCormick. Ayes: Matthew Sylvester-Knudtsen, Brandon Knedler, Carol McCormick, Jaime Weigel, Bruce Parker, Jen Kaina, Ken Kidd and Mike Kilar. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Larry Kachel and Steve Ryan.

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No comments

**Parks & Recreation Director Report**

Lakes Management: Boettcher commented a Lakes Community meeting will be held on December 6, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Community Room. Letters regarding the meeting were mailed to residence that live on the lakes. The meeting will entail going over the plans for the lake drawdown. The estimated \$1.25 million project falls within the budget of the CIP for the next three years. Boettcher will be attending a meeting with the DNR on December 19, 2018 about the project and discuss about a grant for preventing the lakes from filling again.

A meeting was held on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to discuss the playground options for Minnieska Park. Multiple suggestions were sent in via email.

Parks and Recreation will soon be making a switch on how credit cards transactions will be made. The switch will ultimately save the department time on how refunds are processed and will also save money on transaction fees.

#### **Athletic Program Coordinator Report:**

de la Torriente reported that the ice rink at Big Brick Park was being set up. It will be open as soon as the weather is cold enough to make solid ice.

The Whitewater Traveling Basketball Club hosted Girls Dog Pound Challenge Basketball Tournament over the weekend. They will be hosting the Girls Jr. Warhawk tournament at the UW-W fieldhouse the following weekend.

Registrations for the 2019 Baseball and Softball Tournament Season have started to be submitted.

#### **Aquatic Staff Report:**

Oas reported the Whitewater Aquatic and Fitness Center will be hosting its annual Holiday Party from 5-7pm on Friday December, 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be games and prizes. Admission is \$4.00 or free with a donated item to the food pantry. The WAFC will be hosting a free, themed Family Fun night the third Friday of every month starting January 18<sup>th</sup>. The WAFC is also offering more cycling classes.

Kachel arrived: 5:40pm

Bowen reported that the monthly special is buy one, get one half off on massages. In January, a dietitian from UW-W is going to run two workshop sessions geared towards seniors and dieting. Starting January 10<sup>th</sup> with be January Jumpstart, a program where members or non-members can attend three weeknights of meal planning and setting goals for healthy eating. The fee is \$25 for the three classes.

#### **C – 1 Discussion and review of WAFC budget**

Boettcher referred to the budget handout. Boettcher commented that new ways for generating revenue are going to be explored.

#### **C - 2 Discussion and review of Minnieska Park Playground**

Boettcher referred to the poster board of the playground design. The construction of the playground will be coordinated with make a difference day with UW-W as a community build. The Streets Department will map out where are equipment needs to be places. Lee Recreation will supervise the installation of the playground.

Brandon Knedler suggested coordinating with the UFC to plan for trees at the Minnieska Park playground.

Boettcher added that it would be ideal to collaborate with the UFC to plant trees in parks where future playgrounds may go so trees have a chance to grow ahead of time.

Weigel added that more trees could be planted at Starin Park.

C – 3 Discussion and possible recommendation on new trash receptacles for Cravath Lake Park and Downtown Whitewater

Boettcher reported there is \$15,000 available for new trash receptacles for Downtown Whitewater. Boettcher referred to a handout with three different designed trash receptacles.

McCormick suggested looking for receptacles for cigarettes.

Kaina suggested keeping some money reserved for repairs on receptacles.

Motion by Kidd to select option three for Downtown Whitewater trash receptacles. Second by Kaina. Ayes: Kaina, Sylvester-Knudtsen, Kidd, Knedler, Parker, McCormick, Kachel, Kilar and Weigel. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Steve Ryan.

C – 4 Future Agenda Items: None

C-5 Adjournment

Motion by Parker to adjourn meeting at 6:17pm. Second by McCormick. Ayes: Larry Kachel, Bruce Parker, Matthew Sylvester-Knudtsen, Jaimie Weigel, Ken Kidd, Jen Kaina, Mike Kilar and Brandon Knedler. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Steve Ryan.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brian de la Torriente*

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# Memo

**To:** Parks and Recreation Board  
**From:** Eric Boettcher, Parks and Recreation Director  
**Date:** January 21, 2019  
**Re:** January 23, 2019 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

## Staff Report

### **Parks and Recreation Directors Report:**

Updates to include Lakes Management updates, Staffing and more...

### **Programs and Events Updates:**

Program Updates: Sports Programs, Events, Membership, Upcoming Events and more...

### **C-1 Discussion and review of current and proposed WAFC membership levels and fees**

The current WAFC membership fees and levels have not been adjusted since we took over the facility in 2016. We will look at current fees structure and discuss different options for fees. I will look to have discussion and review to adjustments to the fee structure to present for approval at the February park board meeting.

### **C-2 Discussion and Recommendation of Park Smoking Ban (Direct by Council)**

The Common Council has asked that the Park Board revisit the Smoking Ban for parks. Attached is the email memo from Council Member Lynn Binnie. We will discuss and look for another recommendation

### **C-3 Discussion and possible recommendation Aquatic Center Boiler Replacement**

The Aquatic Center lost another boiler over the holiday. We currently have three functioning boilers and use two at all times and sometimes need 3 when weather gets extremely cold. We replaced one this past year and now another one needs to be replaced. I will look for the park board to give us direction on replacing another boiler.

### **C-4 Request for Future Agenda Items**

Thanks!

Eric Boettcher

Parks and Recreation Director

Fitness Pass			
Single	3 Month	Annual	Annual Monthly EFT
Youth	110.00	355.00	35.00
Adult	135.00	410.00	40.00
Senior (65+)	110.00	355.00	35.00
<b>Couple</b>			
Adult	170.00	585.00	55.00
Senior (65+)	140.00	470.00	45.00
Family (3+)	180.00	595.00	60.00

\*Annual Monthly Electronic Funds Transfer requires a 12 month Contract

Corporate Fitness Pass City of WW, WWUSD, & DLK			
Single	3 Month	Annual	Annual Monthly EFT
Youth	77.00	248.50	24.50
Adult	87.50	287.00	28.00
Senior (65+)	77.00	248.50	24.50
<b>Couple</b>			
Adult	119.00	409.50	38.50
Senior (65+)	98.00	329.00	31.50
Family (3+)	126.00	416.50	42.00

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Combo (Aquatic & Fitness) Pass			
Single	3 Month	Annual	Annual Monthly EFT
Youth	125.00	410.00	40.00
Adult	155.00	525.00	50.00
Senior (65+)	125.00	410.00	40.00
<b>Couple</b>			
Adult	190.00	640.00	60.00
Senior (65+)	155.00	525.00	50.00
Family (3+)	205.00	699.00	65.00

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Corporate Combo (Aquatic & Fitness) Pass City of WW, WWUSD, & DLK			
Single	3 Month	Annual	Annual Monthly EFT
Youth	87.50	287.00	28.00
Adult	108.50	367.50	35.00
Senior (65+)	87.50	287.00	28.00
<b>Couple</b>			
Adult	133.00	448.00	42.00
Senior (65+)	108.50	367.50	35.00
Family (3+)	143.50	489.30	45.50

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Aquatic Pass			
Single	3 Month	Annual	Annual Monthly EFT
Youth	95.00	289.00	30.00
Adult	110.00	355.00	35.00
Senior (65+)	95.00	295.00	30.00
<b>Couple</b>			
Adult	140.00	465.00	45.00
Senior (65+)	110.00	350.00	45.00
Family (3+)	145.00	470.00	45.00

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Corporate Aquatic Pass City of WW, WWUSD, & DLK			
Single	3 Month	Annual	Annual Monthly EFT
Youth	66.50	206.50	21.00
Adult	77.00	248.50	24.50
Senior (65+)	66.50	206.50	21.00
<b>Couple</b>			
Adult	98.00	325.50	31.50
Senior (65+)	77.00	245.00	24.50
Family (3+)	101.50	329.00	31.50

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<b>Corporate Fitness Pass</b>			
<b>Package 1 or 2</b>			
<b>Single</b>	<b>3 Month</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Annual Monthly EFT</b>
<b>Youth</b>	99.00	319.50	31.50
<b>Adult</b>	121.50	369.00	36.00
<b>Senior (65+)</b>	99.00	319.50	31.50
<b>Couple</b>			
<b>Adult</b>	153.00	526.50	49.50
<b>Senior (65+)</b>	126.00	423.00	40.50
<b>Family (3+)</b>	165.00	535.50	54.00

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<b>College Student Combo (Aquatic &amp; Fitness)</b>	
<b>9 Month</b>	<b>9 Month Monthly EFT</b>
\$225.00	\$25.00

\*9 Month - Monthly Electronic Funds Transfer requires a 9 month Contract

<b>Corporate Combo (Aquatic &amp; Fitness) Pass</b>			
<b>Package 1 or 2</b>			
<b>Single</b>	<b>3 Month</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Annual Monthly EFT</b>
<b>Youth</b>	112.50	369.00	36.00
<b>Adult</b>	139.50	472.50	45.00
<b>Senior (65+)</b>	112.50	369.00	36.00
<b>Couple</b>			
<b>Adult</b>	171.00	576.00	54.00
<b>Senior (65+)</b>	139.50	472.50	45.00
<b>Family (3+)</b>	184.50	629.10	58.50

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<b>Corporate Aquatic Pass</b>			
<b>Package 1 or 2</b>			
<b>Single</b>	<b>3 Month</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Annual Monthly EFT</b>
<b>Youth</b>	85.50	260.10	27.00
<b>Adult</b>	99.00	319.50	31.50
<b>Senior (65+)</b>	85.50	265.50	27.00
<b>Couple</b>			
<b>Adult</b>	126.00	418.50	40.50
<b>Senior (65+)</b>	99.00	315.00	40.50
<b>Family (3+)</b>	130.50	423.00	40.50

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# Memo

**To:** Parks and Recreation Board

**From:** Lynn Binnie, Common - Council District 4

**Date:** January 2, 2019

**Re:** Request by Council to have Park Board revisit Smoking Ban proposed ordinance

Recently you recommended to the Common Council that it pass an ordinance to prohibit smoking/vaping in city parks. That recommendation was adopted after relatively little discussion, and in fact with only two comments from the public, both in opposition. Although the Council had passed the ordinance unanimously, including with my having spoken briefly in favor, afterwards I had some second thoughts. Consequently, at a subsequent meeting I suggested that we reconsider the vote, and my motion was supported by a 4-3 margin. It was requested that the Plan Commission provide additional input on the matter, such as what areas should be designated as nonsmoking if a blanket ban was not going to be implemented.

Ultimately, I think that smoke free parks would be the ideal, and I feel sure that within a matter of years a full ban is likely to be adopted, if not now, but I wonder if we're moving a bit fast without much consideration of alternate views. Was the public sufficiently aware of our consideration of the ordinance? Then I encountered an article in Health Affairs that raised doubt about the rationale that is generally given in favor of bans, which was along the lines of the reasoning that had been provided in our discussion. I am providing below a link to that article, as well as to a PBS interview with the author of the Health Affairs article. That interview provides a sort of Cliff Notes version of the author's conclusions. By the way, as best I've been able to determine, Health Affairs appears to be an objective publication.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/the-real-reasons-behind-public-smoking-bans>

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2012.1022>

One of the things that caused me to have second thoughts was the fact that both of the citizens who spoke in opposition to the ordinance have both been very actively involved with the 4th of July Festival. They did not reference that fact, but I began to contemplate the potential unanticipated consequences of a ban on the festival. If we post a smoking prohibition, that will raise the expectation that the prohibition will be enforced, presumably by the Police Department. Is that a realistic expectation in view of the large crowds that are sometimes in attendance?

Certainly, I believe that at the minimum, prohibiting smoking in proximity to the playgrounds is appropriate. In particular, given the vaping epidemic among young people, I would favor a ban in the Skate Park. If, after discussion, your Commission still recommends a full ban, I would hope that there would be sufficient publicity to ensure that the public is given adequate opportunity for input at the Council.