

City of Whitewater
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2009 - 5:30pm
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Minutes

1. Roll Call and Board Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Sheila Kindwall. Present, Max Taylor, David Stone, Nicole Grosinske and Steve Ridenour. Excused: Prudence Negley and Jen Kaina. Others present: Matt Amundson, Michelle Dujardin, and Deb Weberpal.

2. Oath of Office for Parks & Recreation Board

The Oath of Office was read by Matt Amundson. Board members present signed and submitted.

3. Approval of December 1, 2008 Park and Recreation Board Minutes

Taylor motioned to approve the December 1 minutes. Grosinski seconded the motion. Ayes: Taylor, Stone, Grosinski, Kindwall. Abstain: Ridenour. Noes: None. Absent: Negley, Kaina

4. Citizen Comments: No comments were made

5. Staff Reports:

A. Director Report (Amundson):

- Monthly Report – Amundson referred to the monthly report and highlighted the Aquatic Center, Park Planning and reviewed the Annual Report.
- Park Improvement Projects

B. Senior Coordinator Report (Weberpal):

Weberpal reported that the goal of \$20,000 for the new van has been raised.

6. Board and Commission Reports: No action other than possible referral to another meeting, but there may be minimal response to Board member questions:

A. Plan and Architectural Review Commission (Stone) - They are reviewing statutes and working on Smart Growth. Currently there is a request for a parking lot and a rezoning request. In February, they will review the South Neighborhood plan. There is park land identified in this plan

B. Bike Advocacy (Ridenour) – No Report

C. Whitewater Aquatics Center (Grosinske) – Sub-committees have been formed and implemented. They are looking for feedback from the community. There are new member rates and daily fees. There will be an Open House on Saturday January 24.

D. City Council (Taylor)-The Whitewater Street design concept was approved. District #3 has no candidate. It will be a write-in vote.

E. Whitewater Street Design (Negley)-Remove this item from future agendas

F. WPRA Legislative Advocacy (Stone) – Trying to obtain dollars from the stimulus package to be used for parks. Amundson commented most will go for infrastructure such as roads and planned projects (City has submitted 3 projects), however if funding is received could allow for some additional projects to be funded.

7. Discussion and direction on Parkland Dedication/Impact Fees

Amundson referred to the packet and memo from city Attorney McDonell. Memo explains difference between the two types of fees. The Board recommended staying with fee in lieu of dedication and revisit fee structure during next 5-Year Master Plan (2012).

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Chapter 11.44.030 Snowmobile Use: Parks & Lakes
Currently it is legal to snowmobile on lakes and portions of Trippe and Starin Park. The Police Department would prefer snowmobiles not be allowed on the lakes or in the parks. Amundson will contact the Snowseekers and inquire as to usage and will bring the information back to the February board meeting.
9. Approve purchase of garbage/recycling containers to be paid for from Parkland Development Fund
Amundson referred to the packet and reviewed the options with the board. Stone moved to purchase 50 Option A garbage and recycling cans and liners and 25 recycling lids with half the money coming from park improvement funds and half from recycling fees. Ridenour seconded the motion. Ayes: Taylor, Stone, Grosinski, Ridenour, Kindwall. Abstain: None. Noes: None. Absent: Negley, Kaina
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Turf Management Plan
Amundson made the recommended changes to the plan after further review and discussion with Chuck Nass. Currently there is no use of herbicides. Taylor motioned to approve the Turf Management Plan as presented. Stone seconded. Ayes: Taylor, Stone, Grosinski, Ridenour, Kindwall. Abstain: None. Noes: None. Absent: Negley, Kaina
11. Approval of Special Rental Rate Agreement for NAWF use of Downtown Armory
Amundson referred to the NAWF rental agreement in the packet and explained the usage and that this agreement has worked well in the past. Taylor motioned to approve the rental agreement with the NAWF. Seconded by Stone. Ayes: Taylor, Stone, Grosinski, Ridenour, Kindwall. Abstain: None. Noes: None. Absent: Negley, Kaina
12. Presentation of Fall 2008 Recreation Program Financial Report
Amundson presented the fall and year end revenues as part of the Annual report. The Board thanked Amundson for a well put together and easy to read report.
13. Request for future agenda items
 - Taylor would like the Park and Recreation Department to investigate a Frisbee golf event. Taylor will contact the President of the club.
 - The Board needs to elect a vice Chair to replace Kim Clarksen.
14. Adjourn
Taylor moved to adjourn at 6:52 pm. Grosinske seconded. Unanimous voice vote.