

City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2009 - 5:30pm
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

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The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Steve Ridenour. Present, Max Taylor, David Stone, Jen Kaina, and Nicole Grosinske (5:38). Excused: Prudence Negley and Sheila Kindwall.
Others present: Matt Amundson, Michelle Dujardin, and Deb Weberpal.
Guest: Pete Weston, Architect – Design Alliance

Amundson announced term expirations in 2009 include: Max Taylor, David Stone, and Pru Negley

Taylor motioned to approve the February 2nd, 2009 Parks and Recreation Board minutes. Kaina seconded the motion. Approved by Unanimous voice vote. Absent: Negley, Kindwall, Grosinske

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 citizen comments.

Agenda Item 6 is being moved ahead to accommodate those leaving for another meeting.

Discussion & Review of Trippe Lake Shelter Design (Grosinske arrived 5:38)

Weston commented that the existing foundation would be reused as it is solid. This will help keep the project “green” as there will be no digging or erosion so close to the lake. They are proposing cedar columns which will turn gray over time, a gray reflective roof and buff block for the exterior of the building. The intent is to invest in quality building materials and not decorative elements. Board questioned if cedar would be vandal proof. Columns could be made out of steel so there would be less maintenance. Board commented on cross beams at the west end of the building which could be tripping or jumping hazards. Maintenance items would be stored in the Mechanical room

Suggestions and comments on the proposed Trippe Lake Shelter design

- Put a deep sink or two sinks in the crock room.
- Make sure electricity can accommodate nescos (one breaker per nesco)
- Need space for canoe storage and recreation programming supplies.

Taylor and Stone left. Meeting adjourned at this point due to lack of a quorum. The rest of the meeting is for discussion purpose only.

Suggested changes to the building would be to move the P/R room door to the center, move the mechanical room door to the center of the wall between it and the P/R room, move the crock room wall further into the mechanical room to increase crock room floor space and put a floor sink in the maintenance room. The bathrooms will have masonry block partitions and floor drains for hosing them down for cleaning. The board would like the entire building heated. Weston will propose bid options to include landscaping and exterior amenities if budget allows. Window in the bathrooms will be high and non operable. The group requested to have the crock room window lockable. Weston recommended wall urinals as they are easily replaced if vandalized. Weston will check with the architects about the possibility of engineering the roof to rip away over the open space and not off the building in the event of a tornado. Lighting will be built in and some lighting will be all night lights.

Staff Reports:

Director Report: Amundson referred to the monthly report and highlighted the Aquatic Center, Park Site amenities, Starin Park playground grant applications and the Lakes management Plan.

Recreation & Community Events Programmer: Dujardin explained her experiences at the Rocky Mountain Revenue Management School including are our programs valued, does happy equal satisfied, being up-to-date on generations and trends and revenue generating ideas.

Senior Coordinator Report: Weberpal reported that Senior Aide, Rose Ellestad, is on board and training for 25 hours a week. Weberpal received a grant to attend the International council on Active Aging conference from the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers.

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

Plan and Architectural Review Commission (Stone) –No Report

Bike Advocacy (Ridenour)- No Report

Whitewater Aquatics Center (Grosinske) –Budget was good in January and February. They are looking at alternatives for energy saving.

City Council (Taylor)- No Report

WPRA Legislative Advocacy (Stone)- No Report

Review & Update on Status of Current Development Agreements

Amundson updated the group on Pine Bluff & East Gate Park which will be graded and seeded this summer. Park Crest & Skyway Park: The trail will be paved from Tower Hill to Peninsula by June 1. Minneiska Park is on schedule for grading and seeding to be completed in 2009.

Park Signage & Cravath Lakefront Park

Amundson discussed way finding signs for Cravath pointing out the Lakefront Center, Stone Stable and the Historical Society. Amundson and the vendors is looking at options on how to sign for traffic from both directions. The Board also will need to consider replacing existing signage to make signage in the community all the same.

Discussion and possible action on Advertising in Seniors in the Park Newsletter

Weberpal presented advertising other communities do. She will bring a policy to the next meeting for approval.

There were no requests for future agenda items

Vice chairperson Ridenour adjourned the meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

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