

**City of Whitewater**  
**Parks and Recreation Board Meeting**  
**Monday, January 4, 2010 - 5:00pm**  
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building  
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Sheila Kindwall. Present: David Stone, Nicole Grosinske, Jen Kaina and Steve Ridenour (5:05). Excused: Prudence Negley, Max Taylor. Others present: Ryan Carlson, UWW Cycling Club. Staff: Matt Amundson, Michelle Dujardin, and Deb Weberpal.

**Approval of December 7, 2009 Parks and Recreation Board Minutes and receipt of Indian Mounds Park Committee Minutes of December 1, 2009**

Stone motioned to approve the December 7 minutes with the spelling changes. Grosinske seconded the motion. Ayes: Kindwall, Grosinske, Kaina, and Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ridenour

Stone motioned to acknowledge receipt of the Indian Mounds Park Committee Minutes of December 1, 2009. Grosinske seconded the motion. Ayes: Kindwall, Grosinske, Kaina, Ridenour, and Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**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.

**Discussion of Cycling Events with UW-W Cycling team representatives**

Amundson gave background on the cycling event at Trippe Lake Park.

- The club provides a \$500 deposit toward any damages that may occur
- The group requires good weather to hold the event
- Donate some man hours for set up and clean up lessening hours required by city workers

Carlson informed the Board that the UWW Cycling club holds two road races as fundraisers one race is a cycle cross race requiring pavement, sand and grass. The race is held in conjunction with the WI cycling Association and had 170 participants last year which was down because the date had to be rescheduled due to weather. The only area suitable on campus would be the prairie and the university does not allow bikes there.

Amundson commented that the group repaired damage on their own two years ago, there is nothing extra the department has to do for turf management because of the race, and the group does their own set-up and take down. It is a positive event which brings people to Whitewater.

The Board is supportive of bicycling events.

**Appoint Parks & Recreation Board member to Urban Forestry Commission**

Grosinske moved to appoint Dave Stone to the Urban Forestry Commission. Second by Ridenour. Ayes: Kindwall, Grosinske, Kaina, Ridenour, and Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Committee appointments will be reviewed again in May when new board members are seated.

**Presentation of Fall 2009 Recreation Program Financial Report and Overall 2009 Report**

Amundson presented the reports and pointed out the decline in adult sports. He answered questions about the report from Board members.

### **Approval of Park Name Change from Indian Mounds Park to Whitewater Mounds Archeological Preserve**

Amundson noted that the Indian Mounds Committee has discussed the need for a name change to Indian Mounds Park. In the future there may be a concern with the term "Indian", that Whitewater should be included in the title and that a preserve is a type of park and would remain under the jurisdiction of the Park Board.

Stone moved to approve the name change from Indian Mounds Park to Whitewater Mounds Archeological Preserve and that the preserve remains under park board jurisdiction. Second by Ridenour. Ayes: Kindwall, Grosinske, Kaina, Ridenour, and Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

### **Discussion and approval of trail route extension for DOT Transportation Enhancement Grant Project (Waters Edge South to Willis Ray Road)**

Amundson reviewed revised plans for the multi-use trail from Waters Edge South to Wisconsin St/Clover Valley Rd. Both shoulders of Wisconsin Street/Clover Valley Road will have to be improved to meet standards but the bridge over the bypass is in compliance. New segments of trail will be constructed between Tanner Way to Wisconsin Street and in Town ROW from Clover Valley Road to Franklin Street along Willis Ray Road. Crosswalks and signage will be included in the project.

Stone moved to approve, in concept, the diagram to be submitted to the DOT. Second by Kaina. Ayes: Kindwall, Grosinske, Kaina, Ridenour, and Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

### **Discussion and approval of proposed trail construction in Moraine View Park**

Discussion of the potential to change the trail to the edge of the park bordering the Technology Park lot parcels.

### **Discussion and action on award of Recreation Program Photography Services for 2010**

There was discussion per the memo with additional information provided by Amundson and Dujardin. Stone moved to direct the staff to award the recreation photo contract for 2010 to LaBelle Studio. Second by Ridenour. Ayes: Kindwall, Grosinske, Kaina, Ridenour, and Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

### **Discussion and possible action on park related smoking ordinance revision**

There was discussion per the memo on signage for the ordinance and enforcement. Concerned that no smoking within 100 feet of buildings, fields, and playgrounds would eliminate smoking from the park. Stone moved that Amundson include a provision that prohibits smoking in the youth sport policies and league rules. Second by Kaina. Ayes: Kindwall, Grosinske, Kaina, Ridenour, and Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

No action was taken on the proposed ordinance.

Kaina left 6:23 pm

### **Staff Reports:**

Director Report (Amundson)

Amundson commented on the positives about parks and recreation from the Community Survey and gave an update on the Lakes Management Grant. Friends of the Program (FOTP) donated \$2,000 toward athletic equipment.

Recreation & Community Events Programmer (Dujardin)

Freeze Fest planning is going well. There are 18 teams already signed up to plunge. Leadership for Taste of Whitewater is changing and may require more participation from the Park and Recreation Department, specifically Dujardin. There will be a meeting the end of January to determine if the event will be one or two days.

Senior Coordinator (Weberpal)

Weberpal gave an update on new programs and classes starting in January and February.

**Staff Reports (continued)**

Parks/Streets Superintendent, City Forester (Nass)

Amundson reported for Nass that in a snow event the first priority is to clear streets. The multi-use trails and city owned sidewalks are cleared after streets and if overtime is not involved. If after normal hours of operation or on a weekend, snow removal on the trails will proceed on the next normally schedule work day.

**Adjourned to Closed Session** at 6:38 PM, per Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 19.85(l)(e)“(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.” **Item Discussed: Possible acquisition of land for park use along Starin Road Extension Project**

**Returned to Open Session at 6:44 PM**

The Parks & Recreation Board will take no action on land acquisition at this time.

Grosinske left the meeting at 6:46 PM. Meeting adjourned due to a lack of a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray rectangular background. The signature is cursive and reads "Debra Weberpal".

Debra Weberpal