

City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, April 5, 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 5:09 by Vice Chairperson Max Taylor. Present: Prudence Negley, Max Taylor, Jen Kaina, Nicole Grosinske, and David Stone Guest: Audra Lange, Meghan Matthews, Dawn Hunter, Mark Korf, and Richard Ehrenberg.

Approval of March 1, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board Minutes and receipt of Indian Mounds Park Committee Minutes of January 12, 2010 and February 9, 2010

Grosinske moved to approve the March 1, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board Minutes and receipt of Indian Mounds Park Committee Minutes of January 12, 2010 and February 9, 2010. Seconded by Kaina. Ayes: David Stone, Jen Kaina, Nicole Grosinske, Max Taylor. Noes: None Abstain: Prudence Negley. Absent: Shelia Kindwall and Steve Ridenour.

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.

Richard Ehrenberg, a neighbor to Clay Street Nature Park brought 7 painter turtles that had hatched at the park the night before to educate the board on nature happenings within the park.

Staff Reports:

Director Report (Amundson)

Amundson reported that while attending the Wisconsin Association of Lakes conference he met up with SEWRPC and is pursuing a plan for a future meeting that will provide an update on the Lakes Management Planning Grant. Amundson reported a schedule burn for Meadowsweet Park Prairie would take place Saturday April 10th with the Whitewater fire department.

Recreation & Community Events Programmer (Dujardin)

Dujardin reported the 2010 Summer Brochure arrived only a week ago and has been distributed to City Hall, Whitewater Aquatic Center, Public Library, Starin Park Community Building and Downtown Armory. Distribution to schools will take place by the end of the week.

Senior Coordinator (Weberpal)

Weberpal reported that she attended the NISC Conference sessions including; networking, public relations, storytelling, pictures of aging and online strategies. Weberpal indicated the conference was educational and very beneficial to seniors in the park programming.

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 plan commission meeting for April

Whitewater Aquatic Center (Grosinske)

At the public meeting held, it was determined that a long range 10 year plan was needed. A committee of the School District Superintendent, City Manager, and current WAC Board members, School Board members, and Common Council members will be formed to review options to ensure the long-term operation of the facility.

City Council (Taylor)

City council meeting moved to Thursday due to election, Taylor is now planning to run for re-election as a write-in candidate.

WPRA Legislative Advocacy (Stone)

No Report

Indian Mounds Park Committee (Kaina)

Meeting is scheduled for April 6th at 5pm

Urban Forestry Commission (Stone)

First meeting was an organizational meeting, next meeting April 13th at 4pm.

Discussion and possible action on Youth Sports Policy

Amundson introduced the topic and pointed out that two policies may need to be developed. A policy for Parks and Recreation youth sports programming and a policy for youth sports groups that utilize city facilities. Amundson explained that any policy for groups that utilize city facilities should require coaches education, criminal background checks, and a certificate of liability insurance. Amundson indicated that we need to create more dialog with all youth sports groups in the community.

Amundson introduced Mark Korf from the Whitewater Youth Soccer Club. Mark Korf commented that it would be beneficial to separate the policies (park & recreation sport programs vs. youth sports providers) and state that the soccer club requires that participants play 50% of each game. He stated that he think it's great to have a policy and create consistency in how youth sports programs are operated in the community.

The question was asked: What is the sanction against me if I don't follow the rules? Discussion ensued on how to best identify what the rules and code of ethics should include and how penalties could be developed.

The board directed Amundson to work with the various youth sports groups to amend the policy to fit the comfort of those groups and bring it back to the June meeting.

Presentation by Audra Lange (UW-W Student) and possible action on the creation of a sculpture walkway

Audra Lange brought back the sculpture walkway project proposal that was made last Fall. The sculpture walkway was presented to include temporary and or permanent works of art. Funds would be raised by campaigning while a maintenance fund would be created. Benefits would include; Add to the growing of the downtown revitalization, bring in tourism, and provide new programs for parks and recreation and surrounding businesses.

Audra focused on public art and its importance to the Whitewater Community including; education on historical image, giving existing community members a sense of pride and place, provides and creative environment for businesses. Audra introduced 16 different locations of temporary and permanent works of art. Negley commented that creating a sculpture walk way in the park. Dawn Hunter commented that pieces could be placed around the fountain temporary for visibility and when a piece would be purchased then it could be part of the park walk way.

Negley made a recommendation that it be placed as a future agenda item to create a committee to continue work on this project.

Request for change in park hours at Indian Mounds Park

Amundson introduced changing Indian Mounds Park hours to sunrise to sunset as a request that was received from the Indian Mounds Park committee. The request is being made to better represent intended uses of the park. Negley moved to change the park hours at Indian Mounds Park to sunrise to sunset, Kaina seconded the motion. Ayes: David Stone, Jen Kaina, Max Taylor, Nicole Grosinske, and Prudence Negley. Noes: None Abstain: None. Absent: Shelia Kindwall and Steve Ridenour

(Taylor leaves at 6:50pm)

Approval of vendor for 2010 Lakes Management

Amundson introduced topic and commented that this is the first time this item has gone out for RFP. Lakeland Biologist from Waukesha, WI came with lowest bid. The performed work includes pre and post analysis of both lakes and chemical treatment for Eurasian Water milfoil on both lakes.

Negley moved to approve Lakeland Biologist as the 2010 Lakes Management Vendor and asked Amundson to proceed, Stone seconded the motion. Ayes: David Stone, Jen Kaina, Nicole Grosinske, and Prudence Negley. Noes: None Abstain: None. Absent: Max Taylor, Shelia Kindwall and Steve Ridenour

Approval of request by St Patrick's Church/Unitarian Church of Mukwonago for free use of Cravath Lakefront Center for holding a peace camp in June

Amundson referred to memo stating that the peace camp that was held last June at Cravath Lakefront is requesting to use the Cravath Lakefront Center from June 14th - June 18th again this year. The camp is being sponsored by St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Whitewater and the Unitarian Church of Mukwonago.

Stone moved to approve the use of the Cravath Lakefront Center by St. Patrick's Church of Whitewater and the Unitarian Church of Mukwonago free of charge for holding a peace camp in June. Grosinske seconded the motion. Ayes: David Stone, Jen Kaina, Nicole Grosinske, and Prudence Negley. Noes: None Abstain: None. Absent: Max Taylor, Shelia Kindwall and Steve Ridenour

Review of park development fund and discussion on future projects

Amundson introduced the topic and indicated that we currently have \$38,000 of improvements planned including East Gate Park Playground, Park Signage, and improvements to accessibility at the Trippe Lake Park playground.

Amundson indicates the importance of prioritizing projects and discussed options for 2010 and 2011 projects. No action was taken.

Review and approve park signage plan and proofs

Amundson referred to memo indicating visual example of park signage. Negley commented on the Whitewater Mounds Archeological Preserve sign and asked that we remove the word "please".

Negley moved to approve signs with acceptance from the Birge Fountain and Indian Mounds Committee approval and suggested changes from the board. Kaina seconded the motion. Ayes: David Stone, Jen Kaina, Nicole Grosinske, and Prudence Negley. Noes: None Abstain: None. Absent: Max Taylor, Shelia Kindwall and Steve Ridenour

Approve stewardship grant request for Minneiska Park fishing pier project

Amundson introduced topic indicating the Minneiska Park fishing pier project would cost approximately \$45,000. Amundson stated our eligibility for a stewardship grant that would fund %50 of the project. Due to other park development projects, these funds may not be available for this project if pursued for 2011. Discussion included that we have piers currently on Trippe Lake and that we have other projects that have a current higher priority.

Grosinske moved to delay the Minneiska Park fishing pier project. Stone seconded the motion. Ayes: David Stone, Jen Kaina, Nicole Grosinske, and Prudence Negley. Noes: None Abstain: None. Absent: Max Taylor, Shelia Kindwall and Steve Ridenour

Request for future agenda items

Formation of Sculpture Walkway Committee

Adjourn

Grosinske motioned and Kaina adjourned. 7:12pm