

City of Whitewater  
Parks and Recreation Board Agenda  
Monday, July 12, 2010 - 4:00pm  
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building  
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 by Matt Amundson. Present: Dave Stone, Vance Dalzin, Jen Kaina, Pru Negley and Brandon Knedler. Excused: Rick Daniels. Absent: None. Guest: Parks & Recreation Summer Intern Kale Olson.

**Selection of Meeting Chairperson**

Negley nominated David Stone, Kaina seconded the motion. Ayes: Dalzin, Negley, Knedler, Kaina and Stone Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Daniels

**Approval of June 7, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board Minutes**

Amundson noted that the May 11 Urban Forestry Commission minutes had not yet been approved by the UFC and would come to the Board at a future meeting. Dalzin made the motion to approve the June 7<sup>th</sup> Parks and Recreation Board minutes, seconded by Negley. Ayes: Dalzin, Negley, Knedler, Kaina and Stone Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Daniels

**Staff Reports**

Amundson introduced Working for Whitewater's Wellness (W3); Trail Extension Update experiencing hurdles with Whitewater Township, Town Supervisors are not in favor with the project, other avenues with DOT are being explored; Youth Baseball and Softball All-star Games were held last weekend in June (Baseball), it wasn't based on the best players, they let kids picked who they wanted to send. The softball games were held last Saturday in Whitewater. Lakes treatment occurring this week, August meeting will have presentation of future management plan; Upward Bound Program (OIC of Racine County), students that show they are first time college students. They do classes in the morning and community service in the afternoon. They have made significant process on clearing dead limbs and debris from Whitewater Creek Nature Area.

Dujardin reported the 2010 Taste of Whitewater event will take place September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at the Cravath Lakefront Park. 2010 planning and partnerships have grown in the past year. The latest addition to the Taste of Whitewater is the annual Safety Fair held by the Whitewater Police Department.

**Board & Commission Reports:**

Stone reported on Plan Commission Meeting on Monday, July 12th at 6pm. On the agenda includes Wal-Mart Expansion, Qdoba looking at beer and liquor license and discussion of development standards for new big stores.

Negley discussed recent political brewha over the Urban Forestry Commission. It was indicated that the UFC was fighting again to a city council member, which was incorrect. Council did reconsider and kept the UFC, the next meeting was scheduled as a work session. The work session meeting was successful on current projects. They are currently working on a mission statement. One opening to the commission still remains.

Dr. Dalzin reported that the Whitewater Aquatic Center Board Has met twice. Financial talk took place, participation is up, but expenses continue to raise, especially energy costs.

**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.

There were no citizen comments.

**Youth Baseball and Softball Presentation by Intern, Kale Olson**

Presentation made by Kale Olson addressing our current capacity and our challenges. Concerns that were highlighted included: One field with lights, lack of fields for rescheduling, programs numbers increase with little to no long term investment in future, additional maintenance done for programs that the department is currently not running. Potential Options Presented: New complex, Improvements and additions to Starin Park, creating a field of dreams, and Sponsorships.

**Discussion and possible action on creation of a sculpture park/walkway committee**

Amundson introduced letter from Roni Telfer asking for pursuing the concept of a Whitewater Sculpture Walk. Negley made a motion to create a sculpture task force, to include having representatives from the Park & Rec Board, UW Art Department member or student, Art Alliance, Downtown Whitewater, School District Art Staff, two community at large members, and City Staff and Audra Lange as a resource. The Sculpture Task Force will meet to establish polices to create sculpture walk and to use Audra Lange's student proposal into policy recommendations that must be made to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Dalzin Second the motion. Kaina nominated Negley to serve on the task force with Stone serving on as an alternate. AMENDED: Task force will serve and conclude by January 2011. Ayes: Dalzin, Negley, Knedler, Kaina and Stone Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Daniels

**Discussion and possible action on donation of land by Jean Ann Trost for the creation of a park**

Amundson introduced topic and gave visual description of property. Knedler made the motion to accept the donation of this generous offer from Jean Trost and waive the park naming policy and added that this donation is in line with the park and recreation boards 5 year plan that enhances the green sustainability of the city. Kaina seconded the motion. Ayes: Dalzin, Negley, Knedler, Kaina and Stone Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Daniels

(Stone departure 6pm)

**Discussion and possible action on proposed changes relating to fitness programs; including the elimination of drop-in fees and addition of punch card system.** Amundson and Dujardin introduced the topic and gave program background. Dalzin made the motion to insure consistency with other Park and Rec programs, the elimination of drop in fees and the institution of a punch card system as of Sept 1<sup>st</sup> for accountably, auditing purposes and incentive people to register for classes. Knedler seconded the motion. Ayes: Dalzin, Negley, Knedler, and Kaina. Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Daniels and Stone

**Requests for future agenda items**

Report from Mounds Park Task Force with the idea time limit with coming up with policies. Progress on Moraine View Park and youth sports policy.

**Executive Session Adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 19.85 (l)(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 to be discussed: Acquisition of real estate to expand Starin Park.** Adjourn to close session at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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