

City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, August 2, 2010 – 4:00 pm
Community Room – 1st Floor City Municipal Building
312 Whitewater St , Whitewater WI 53190
Minutes

Stone requested to go to C-1 presentation because of no quorum.

Presentation and possible direction and/or action on Lakes Management Plan as presented by Dr. Jeff Thornton (Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 by David Stone. Present: David Stone, Rick Daniels, Pru Negley and Brandon Knedler Excused: Jim Olsen, Jen Kaina, and Vance Dalzin Absent: None.

Stone complimented Dr. Thornton on the presentation. Question and discussion on the presentation. Negley questions: Q: The watershed controlled by another entity. How do we control watershed into the lakes. A: Educate other communities and bring into discussions on watershed. Walworth Co Lakes Association (Whitewater/Rice lake should be attending meetings. Liaison with the lakes group. Discuss issues of mutual concern Q: You referred to Institutional development of a group to report to council about the lakes. Do something similar to Urban Forestry commission? A: Need to have a connection with the governing body. More important to involve city officials. Do what works for your community. Stone requested additional resources. Amundson: Storm water regulations have a direct impact on what is coming into lakes. How do we improve on past injustices to the lake? What should we be spending on the lakes? Doing pre and post data on lake growth of foliage as part of spraying contract of the lakes. There is an adhoc committee on the lakes that was formed prior to Matt coming to Whitewater. Denay Trykowski: Q: Why can granular 24D be applied? A: Licensed by fed and state govt. Applied by DNR permit and supervised by DNR. Q: Implications of affects on fish and people? A: No measurable affect on aquatic species. Granular settles to bottom and is pulled up by roots. Applied in spring when growing so can use lower amounts. Can use a weevil because we are not a motorized lake. Takes 5-7 years to build up to be a predator. Cost comparable to aquatic herbicides. Amundson thanked Dr. Thornton for the presentation and that it would be on the city website. We do not need to be a lake district to apply for grants. Must have a management plan in place to apply for grants. Now have one. Draft copy of a Lakes Management plan to committee by the end of the month at the latest. Review and come back with comments or questions. Will then finalize the plan. Give copies to DNR and will be on the SEWRPC website. The Park Board will review the report in September and have a joint meeting with the lakes committee.

Approval of July 12, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

Negley moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2010 meeting. Second by Knedler. Ayes: Daniels, Negley, Knedler, Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: none. Absent: Dalzin, Olsen, Kaina. Motion passed.

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 public comments.

Discussion and possible action on annual waterfowl hunting program

Amundson referred to the memo. \$10 fee for permits. Police Department does background checks on hunters. Hunters must have written permission to be on private land. 10 permits per mini season are issued. This program has worked well previously. Stone is concerned with hunting in the city. No incidents in any of the previous years. Hunting is the most effective goose control program. Geese police tend to only move geese to other properties, including private. Paddle boat rentals end August 22. No cost to the city for this form of geese control. Any other form would incur a cost. Shotguns have limited area and type of shot is controlled by DNR. Amundson is willing to get info out to alert citizens of hunting season.

Negley moved to allow waterfowl hunting program if 1) the program is noticed publically 2) the city attorney is consulted on posting areas as off limits to people during the hunting season on public property. Second by Daniels. Ayes: Daniels, Negley, Knedler. Noes: Stone. Abstain: none. Absent: Dalzin, Olsen, Kaina. Motion fails 3-1 (Parks & Recreation Board requires 4 votes for approval)

Discussion and possible action on hunting restrictions within City Parks

Amundson referred to the memo. Looking to draft an ordinance to not allow fishing with a bow and arrow or crossbow in the parks. Matt will work with chief Coan and the City Attorney to draft an ordinance.

Presentation and review of Starin Park Ball Diamond Improvements

The offer has been accepted on land acquisition. The improvement plan includes:

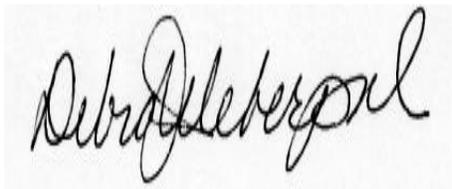
- Development of an additional ball diamond and adding fencing to all fields. This is needed for the development of outfield sponsorship signs and as a vandalism deterrent
- A storage/restrooms/concession building
- Storm water retention area developed in conjunction with UW-W.
- Moving horseshoe pits to corner of Starin and Prairie and making improvements
- Increase parking

Discussion, update and possible action on Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve Task Force.

Negley would like to direct task force to accomplish assigned tasks by end of this year and make recommendations to city staff. Amundson: A maintenance plan is not needed until March. Negley moved to complete task force work by 2011 park season. Second by Knedler. Ayes: Daniels, Negley, Knedler, Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: none. Absent: Dalzin, Olsen, Kaina. Motion passed.

Adjourned 5:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra Weberpal", written in a cursive style.

Debra Weberpal