

City of Whitewater  
Parks and Recreation Board Agenda  
Monday, August 9, 2010 – 4:00 pm  
Community Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor City Municipal Building  
312 Whitewater St, Whitewater WI 53190  
Minutes

**Call to Order**

Stone called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. Present: Dalzin, Olsen, Daniels, Kaina, and Stone.  
Excused: Negley and Knedler. Absent: none. Guests: Rick Fassl, Zack Kumbier, and Josh Mishleau.

**Consent Agenda**

Stone requested that the approval of Park Board minutes from August 9, 2010 be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Olsen to approve the consent agenda, which includes the Indian Mounds Park Task Force minutes of April 6, 2010 and the Urban Forestry Commission minutes of May 11, 2010. Second by Daniels. Ayes: Dalzin, Daniels, Stone, Olsen. Noes: None. Abstain: Kaina. Absent: Negley, Knedler

**Approval of August 2, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board Minutes**

Olson moved to approve the August 2 minutes as printed with the change: C-1 waterfowl hunting motion did not pass. Second by Dalzin. Ayes: Dalzin, Daniels, Stone, Olsen. Noes: None. Abstain: Kaina. Absent: Negley, Knedler

**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 memo in packet. If the hunting program is approved, it will go to the Common Council on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. An informal survey of last year's participants indicated a total harvest of 96 geese.

Zack Kumbier, a past participant in the hunting program commented that hunters are conservationists. They are passionate about form of control. Parks and Recreation and the city have control over distribution of permits. He is a member of Ducks Unlimited and the hunters help take care of what could become a problem, stating that they self-police issues or problems.

Rick Fassl was involved in the initial proposal several years ago and assisted in drafting the original hunting program. Hunting was allowed in the city at the time of original proposal. The City Attorneys, a police officer, Fassl and city staff put together the original program. Fassl polled property owners as to who was concerned with hunting or would allow hunting. Eight owners approved and they own most of the property on lake. Now only waterfowl hunting is allowed in the city. The hunting program was revamped in 1996 and the hunting maps were changed because of increased development around the lakes. As a property owner, Fassl is in favor of waterfowl hunting program. Applicants pay fee so costs

are covered. He checks in with property owners occasionally. He uses those hunting on his property as watchdogs for those who may not go by the rules. Duck hunters are serious and it is not an easy sport in addition to being expensive. It is one of the safest field hunting sports there is.

David Stone commented on another community pulled a shooting range permit (rifle). Fassel commented that with steel pellets a hunter needs to be within 40 yards to shoot the geese. Hunters are at the waters edge or are in a boat and shoot over water. Current hunting zones do not allow shooting at homes or near homes. No chance for family/kids to be in the area between the hunter and the geese. Hunters are in fixed position and over the water.

Stone questioned hunting in Moraine View Park with increase in population there. Amundson commented the proposed season would be weekends only Nov 13 – Dec 16. Jen Kaina asked if there is signage for hunting at Moraine View? Jim Olsen questioned if hunting is allowed in the cemeteries. No hunting is allowed in cemetery now. He would like to potentially see a spring hunt. Amundson indicated that he will be looking at egg oiling and the permit process in the future. It was stated that flooding last year took care of nesting and that there are more geese this year. Amundson indicated that one goose produces two to four pounds of feces per day and it takes seven minutes to turn grass into feces. Amundson commented that he and Bruce Parker updated the hunting maps in 2009 because of new development. Amundson reported that Moraine View Park will attract birds and that there is the potential for problems on the soccer fields. Staff and the board may have to look at different options for this area. Kaina inquired as to the negatives of the program. Fassel commented there are occasional trespassers on to private property and occasional reports of neighbors not knowing of hunting legality. Hunters in the program help self=police with trespassers informing them of rules, etc. The police department is supportive of the hunt.

Motion by Olsen to approve the waterfowl hunting program with the Moraine View Park permit area to be approved by the CDA as well. Second by Kaina. Ayes: Kaina, Dalzin, Daniels, Stone, Olson. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Negley, Knedler.

### **Youth Sports Policy**

Amundson referred to the memo. The policy creates expectations for coaches and parents and gives criteria to handle situations. Need identified policy to do this. Currently the policy will only address Parks and Recreation programs. Kaina questioned the training requirements and questioned do we need to state what training is acceptable. Amundson indicated that we currently use an in-house training program and that there are several options available for a formal training program. These programs require a fee and would have to be addressed in the budget process. Stone requested to add a thank you to coaches on policy sign off sheet.

Motion by Olsen to adopt the Youth Sports Policy as presented. Second by Dalzin. Ayes: Dalzin, Daniels, Stone, Kaina, and Olsen. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Negley, Knedler

### **Park Development Fund Projects**

Amundson referred to memo and reviewed income and expenses in the fund. Discussed potential projects for 2011 – 2012. This was discussed as an educational Item and will be reviewed again at budget time and the board will be asked to prioritize items at that time.

Kaina asked about the Bark Park fees. Amundson indicated that due to previous Board action, the department will cease charging for bark park use beginning January 1, 2011. This was done due to the

wetland status of the current site and that the City is limited in what can be done to alleviate water concerns. The future of the Bark Park will need to be a further discussion by the board on whether to relocate in the future.

#### **Starin Park Ball Diamond Improvements**

Amundson referred to the packet. The map shows the addition of a 4th diamond (youth/adult) on the parcel purchased in addition to a storm water detention pond. Potentially talk to UW-Whitewater about using the parking lot to the north for overflow parking during summer recreation programs. Also potentially looking at a "green" lot (unpaved) in the northeast corner of Starin Park.

(Knedler arrived at 5:30)

Amundson referred to memo with sponsorship opportunities in addition to potentially receiving income from the detention pond in a "rental" agreement. The Board discussed options and suggested adding a premier sponsor which would have lifetime rights. Amundson will meet with some current recreation sponsors to discuss proposed sponsorships and what are they willing to consider. The project will allow phased payments over the life of the sponsorship. Most of the park improvements will be phased in over a number of years.

#### **Approve meeting date and time for September Board Meeting**

The next meeting will be September 20 at 4:00 pm

#### **Request for future agenda items**

2011 Budget

Lakes Management plan

#### **Staff Reports**

Amundson noted that 3 soccer fields at Moraine View park will be used this fall. Back 4 soccer fields potentially ready in a year. Amundson and Nass attended the Summer Park tour in New Richmond. Same size as Whitewater and also have lakes in the community, included a tour of Target field. There have been some changes in legislation as to what a contractual provider is. Assistant to the City Manager is assisting with how this will impact our contractual programs, the belief is that it will impact our department and how we deliver these programs.

Stone moved to adjourn at 5:56. Second by Daniels. Unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal