

City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board
Monday, October 3, 2011 - 5:00pm
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

MINUTES

Call to Order and Roll Call

Javonni Butler, Brandon Knedler, Jen Kaina, Kim Gosh, Bruce Parker, Nathan Jaeger, and Ken Kidd

Absent: Rick Daniels

Staff: Matt Amundson, Michelle Dujardin, Deb Weberpal

Guests: Richard Helmick

Consent Agenda: Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of September 12, 2011 and expedited approval of the following items, per staff recommendation: refund request to Georgann Mortensen for recreation program

Butler moved to accept the consent agenda. Second by Jaeger. Ayes: Knedler, Jaeger, Kidd, Gosh, Parker, and Butler. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kaina, Daniels. 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.

Richard Ehrenberg would like to do volunteer work at Effigy Mounds and would like a liability release. The Landmarks Commission received an attachment on the previous minutes about Parks and Recreation management and control of the Effigy Mounds. This came from Council in closed session. Amundson commented Park Board has not seen this.

Staff Reports:

Parks & Recreation Director:

- Youth Football Day at the Perk – September 24, 4 tackle. 4 youth flag games, and Punt, Pass and Kick with 60 participants. Grateful to UW-Whitewater for allowing use of field.
- Facility Maintenance Work Order System – All city staff can now make requests. Gives updates for the project to the individual who requested, who is working on it, when project is scheduled and when project is closed. Will assist in budgeting for staff time and see recurring issues.
- Pepsi Refresh-selected as a finalist! Must be verified and then will receive funds.

(Jen Kaina arrived 5:12)

Recreation & Community Events Programmer:

- Pork in the Park- Great weather, lots of volunteers, 5k went very well. Ran out of pork. Time may be tweaked in the future. The fence was expanded so majority of park was covered where could have beer. ID checkers wristbands and double check of IDs, paid Police to be there at what they thought would be busy time.

Senior Coordinator

- Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC) Conference- Weberpal chaired the conference. It went well. There were two tracks administrative and programming.
- Global Gala-Reminder the global Gala will be Thursday October 13 at 6:00 for desserts and entertainment by the UWW International Student Association at 7:00 pm.

Discussion and possible direction related to the Alpha Cast Site

Amundson referred to memo. CDA has requested park board to give input on the area for a park. Concern is neighbor's perspective on it being a park and wanting amenities. 2 acres north of Starin Road and 4 acres south of Starin Road. Southside meets 3 acre minimum for a neighborhood site. Neighbors are not interested in multi-unit housing. DPW is currently maintaining the site. The Fire Department is interested in the north parcel for training. Suggested that staff get more information on the site and discover if CDA is requesting payment for the parcel.

Appointment of Parks and Recreation Board member to Plan Commission, Whitewater Aquatic Center Board, and Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Steering Committee

- Plan Commission Appointment: Bruce Parker
- Whitewater Aquatic Center Appointment: Amundson
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Appointment: Ken Kidd
 - Project should wrap up by next September, should be 5-6 meetings.

Knedler moved to accept nominated appointments. Second by Butler. Ayes: Knedler, Jaeger, Kidd, Gosh, Parker, Kaina, and Butler. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Daniels. Motion passed.

Direction related to implementation of non-resident recreation program fees

Amundson referred to the packet and commented on the financial info for non-resident fees. GIS upload into Activenet will show where they live. Board discussed at length and will return to this subject in budget discussion.

Approval of 2012 Parks & Recreation Budget

Amundson referred to the packet and presented a PowerPoint of major points of the budget. Park Board suggested talking to the Whitewater Soccer Club about the formation of a similar agreement that was implemented with Youth Football. Non-resident fees outside of the school district should be implemented. Interested in definitely having a revolving fund for facilities.

Request for future agenda items

Field of Dreams / Urban Forestry

Adjourn

7:40 pm Motion by Kaina . Second by Butler. Affirmed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal