

City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board Agenda
Monday, April 4, 2011 - 5:00pm
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order and Roll Call

Rick Daniels, Jim Olsen, Vance Dalzin, Pru Negley, and Jen Kaina (5:09) Absent: Brandon Knedler (excused).

Staff: Matt Amundson, Michelle Dujardin, Deb Weberpal, and Rashelle Keener, P/R Intern

Guests: Richard Helmick

Consent Agenda

Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of March 14, 2011

No items to be removed from consent agenda. Olsen moved to accept the consent agenda. Second by Daniels. Ayes: Daniels, Dalzin, Negley and Olsen. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kaina, Knedler. 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 citizen comments.

Staff Reports

Parks & Recreation Director:

- Park Maintenance Update: shelter roofs (lower Starin, Big Brick) scheduled to be reshingled and will be paid for in existing park maintenance budget, turf management including aeration and overseeding occurring on ball fields and Cravath, have also been fertilized and prepped for spring usage.
- Make A Difference Day-April 27. Can register at city website.
- Tour de Triangle- Rashelle is taking the lead. Saturday May 7 at 10 am, partnering with Downtown Whitewater. Touring the new bike racks that are being installed. Informative so people know they are bike racks and not public art. Culmination event in the park.
- Field of Dreams Benefit-May 14 at Legion and Trippe Lake Park. Kids activities, Legends Concert in evening. Auction.

Recreation & Community Events Programmer:

Summer Brochure and programs-The brochure is online and the brochure will arrive soon. Will go out in the Good Morning April 18th. Most winter/spring events are wrapping up. Spring Dance recital will be April 16. Team signups slightly down but some come in late.

Senior Coordinator

Easter Bunny Lunch – Saturday April 23, 11 am -1 pm. Optimists have moved the hunt start time to 10:30. Hoping this will not impact the lunch.

Upcoming Trainings: KeenFit Nordic Walking, WASC Spring Training April 28 –TRIAD. Bill Oliver attending, also. WI Volunteer Coordinators Association Conference May 5-6.

Discussion and award of bid for prescribed burn service at Meadowsweet Park and Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve

Amundson referred to the memo. Notifications have gone out to neighbors. Midwest Prairies is low bid. Olsen moved to accept the bid. Second by Dalzin. Olsen attended neighborhood meeting and the restoration plan was well received by neighbors. Proposal includes four members of DPW crew being trained. Ayes: Daniels, Dalzin, Kaina, Negley and Olsen. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Knedler. Motion passed.

Discussion and review of Parks and Recreation Services Survey

Intent to have a comprehensive survey for the department rather than individual classes/groups. Amundson requested input on specific questions. Questioned whether mailing would work. Group discussed potential questions and tweaks for the survey. Survey is listed in the brochure as being available April 18.

Discussion and approval of agreement with the Whitewater Youth Football League (WYFL).

Amundson has worked with the group the past few years. The City will take registrations for the tackle football program and provides organization to have online registration. City will cut check for the Football League. Will combine training for both groups of coaches and officials. Agreement also identifies process to share officials with city hiring, paying the officials, and being reimbursed by the WYFL. There is an annual renewal clause in the agreement. The potential exists for the City to work with other sports groups in the community on a similar arrangement, looking at ways to assist these volunteer organizations. Negley felt we would be endorsing tackle football for 3-4 grades by taking registrations. Board requested Amundson to take message to WYFL that we do not endorse tackle football for 3rd and 4th grade and are uncomfortable with endorsing the agreement.

Schedule Annual Park Tour & May Meeting

Next meeting will be May 2 at 4:00. Meet at Starin Park. Also set calendar for June 2011 through April 2012 and have a short meeting.

Request for future agenda items

Nothing requested.

Adjourn

6:20 pm Motion by Olsen. Second by Daniels. Affirmed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

