

City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board
Monday, February 20, 2012 - 5:00pm
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

MINUTES

Call to Order and Roll Call

Brandon Knedler, Bruce Parker, Nathan Jaeger, Jen Kaina, Kim Gosh, Stephanie Abbott, and Ken Kidd
Absent: Rick Daniels

Staff: Matt Amundson, Michelle Dujardin, Deb Weberpal

Guests: Richard Ehrenberg, Journalism class: Derek Rithamel, Elijah Newallo, Jessica Allemang, Kayla Harris, and Rachel Woodford.

Consent Agenda

No items to be removed from consent agenda. Kidd moved to accept the consent agenda consisting of approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of January 16, 2012; receipt and acknowledgement of Urban Forestry Commission minutes of November 15, 2011 and December 20, 2011; and expedited approval of refund of rental fees to Ken-Tom Vaughn for use of Starin Park Community Building per staff recommendation. Second by Abbott. Ayes: Knedler, Jaeger, Kidd, Parker, Kim Gosh, Stephanie Abbott. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, Rick 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 Helmick found 4 people to plant low maintenance plants appropriate for a savannah at the Mounds. UFC is looking at this for the entire community. Richard also passed out information on volunteer work by the Friends of the Mounds group.

Staff Reports:

Parks & Recreation Director:

- PARR3 hosted regional Parks and Recreation meeting on February 9 at the Innovation Center.
- Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve Update: Council adopted a management plan and clarified the the Parks and Recreation Board is responsible for maintenance of site.

(Kaina arrived 5:12)

- Eagle Scout Project at Effigy Mounds: Amundson passed out letter from Eagle Scout to assist with effigy mounds and raise funding for plantings. Formal presentation at March meeting.
- Annual Report handed out the draft format. Streamlined with bullet points in Forestry and Seniors. Please give Matt thoughts and comments on improving the report.
- Ice rink is officially closed for the year.
- Milwaukee Street meeting talked about parking and bike lanes. Parking on both sides with bike lanes will be recommended to council.

Recreation & Community Events Programmer:

- Freeze Fest: Great Weather, thanks to Bruce Parker for assistance. Over 350 plungers and just over \$55,000 raised. Numbers are not finalized. Horse drawn wagon ride. Pancake breakfast. Record attendance for snow dogs at library.
- Messy Fest: Donate canned goods to food pantry instead of charging. July 14 is the scheduled date with a rain date of July 21
- Summer Programming: gymnastics may change venue as high school is not available. Family fun nights and concerts are lined up.

Senior Coordinator

- Chili Cook-off: There were 9 participants. Bowls sold collected \$764 which was split with Special Olympics.
- Newsletter Advertising – Dennis from LPi was here the past 2 ½ weeks soliciting ads for our newsletter. A distribution committee has been formed to contact businesses to leave the new newsletters at.

Discussion and possible action on plantings within Milwaukee Street Islands (Urban Forestry)

Amundson referred to the memo and email from Nass. There will be medians/islands at the crosswalks only. Original plan was to do stamped concrete in the medians/islands. A request has been made by the UFC to do natural plantings. Nass is concerned with cost of maintenance. (Abbott left 5:30)

Kidd is interested in trees being planted. Parker commented limbs may brush up against vehicles and sight lines may be blocked. Knedler motioned to support the concept of plantings with a preference for a tree to be located in the islands, if feasible, with safety and cost, taking precedence over aesthetics. Kaina seconded. Ayes: Knedler, Parker, Jaeger, Kaina, Gosh, and Kidd Noes: none Abstain: none Absent: Rick Daniels, Stephanie Abbott

Review and possible action on Special Event Policy

Amundson referred to the memo and reviewed some of the sections. He is looking for comments and feedback. This document will be helpful to city staff and event organizers so everyone is on the same page. Parker suggested adding lake use items to the application. Knedler suggested capping fees for residents/school district versus non residents.

Approval of photography services for recreation programs

Dujardin referred to the memo. Kaina moved to approve LaBelle Studios as the photography vendor for recreation programs for a two year term. Second by Parker. Ayes: Knedler, Parker, Jaeger, Kaina, Gosh, and Kidd Noes: none Abstain: none Absent: Rick Daniels, Stephanie Abbott

Request for future agenda items

Friends Group Discussion

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:20 pm by Parker. Second by Knedler. Affirmed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal