

**City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board Agenda
Monday, April 16, 2012 - 5:00pm**

Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order and Roll Call

Brandon Knedler, Bruce Parker, Nathan Jaeger, Kim Gosh, Rick Daniels, (5:05) and Ken Kidd Absent: Stephanie Abbott, Jen Kaina.

Staff: Matt Amundson, Michelle Dujardin, Deb Weberpal

Guests: Richard Ehrenberg, Richard Helmik

Consent Agenda:

CA-A Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of March 19, 2012

Kidd moved to approve the consent agenda. Second by Parker. Ayes: Knedler, Jaeger, Kidd, Parker, Gosh. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Daniels, Abbott, 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.

Richard Ehrenberg, 505 Clay St commented on the dandelions on the Clay Street park property. The seeds drift into his yard. He requested more mowing of the area or possible chemical treatment. Amundson referred to The Turf Management Policy which specifies the city only treats targeted areas with chemicals and mowing is dependent on resources which at this time are minimal.

Staff Reports:

Parks & Recreation Director

- Ray Trost Nature Preserve: A letter has gone out to fundraise for plants for the garden. It is targeted as a Make a Difference Day project
- W3 Wellfest: The Parks and Recreation Staff participated.
- Make A Difference Day: 54 projects are planned and 728 volunteers are needed, also need site supervisors.
- Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve: Eric Tabaka is doing amazing work and has raised about \$1700. Garlic Mustard is being targeted right now. The next work date is Saturday. This is also a MADD project.
- Board Vacancy: Dr Kidd being elected to City Council creates an open seat on the board (Two council members)
- Field of Dreams: A blueprint was received of Miller Stadium and was shared with J.P. Cullen. The next step is to get commitment letters from in-kind donors to assist Cullen in planning.

Recreation & Community Events Programmer

Dance Recital: The dance recital is Saturday and the theme is Dancing Through the Decades. 82 dancers are involved form ages 3 through adults.

Senior Coordinator:

- Older Americans Month (May): Many activities are planned including pole dancing, pole waking, tai chi, presentations and Senior Health and Fitness Day.

- New Newsletter/Advertisers: The new newsletter will be available next week. It has advertisers. Check it out and support them. It will also be on the seekandfind.com website.

Considerations:

Presentation and discussion on Friends Groups led by Guy Smith, Chief of Operations at Milwaukee County Parks

Postponed

Discussion and possible action on request by The Black Sheep to have a produce garden in Cravath Lakefront Park

Amundson commented that land near the Stone Stable may work better than Cravath Lakefront Park. Idea is conceptual right now and is interested in the board's thoughts. Board comments included: Suggestion to use the Community Garden; Don't want to give preference to one business; if downtown requested as a group, it would probably go over better.

Discussion and possible action on Special Events Policy

Amundson reviewed the changes. This policy increases communication with in the city and one person will be the contact. This makes the process the same for everyone. The Police Department wrote the security section. Some Board members were concerned with no security at events up to 200 people. Questions and issues needed to be addressed by the policy include:

- What events does this policy address?
- What if you want to reserve the park? (It is open, public space)
- Will there be a fee for electrical use?
- There is a need to spell out what a special event is as opposed to a rental.
- Will there be an option to waive fees for non-profits? Amundson commented these requests would probably go to city council for approval

Request for future agenda items

- Review the Rental and Special Events Policies
- Goose management
- Park Tour
- Friends Group

Adjourn

620 pm Motion by Parker. Second by Gosh. Affirmed by voice vote.

Next meeting: May 21

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal