

**City of Whitewater**  
**Parks and Recreation Board**  
**Monday, May 21, 2012 - 4:00pm**  
Starin Park Community Building  
504 W. Starin Rd. Whitewater, WI 53190

**MINUTES**

**Annual Park Tour**

The Senior Van departed from Starin Park Community Building for the annual park tour. Parks toured included; Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve, Turtle Mound Park, Whitewater High School JV Field, Waters Edge Trail Extension, Minneiska Park, Trippe Lake Park, Clay Street Nature Park, Moraine View Park, Washington Elementary, Brewery Hill Park & Mill Race/New Section of Trail, Main Street Shoppes Courtyard, and Ray Trost Nature Preserve.

**Call to Order and Roll Call and Board Introductions**

Brandon Knedler, Bruce Parker, Jen Kaina, Ken Kidd and Nathan Jaeger

Absent: Kim Gosh

Staff: Matt Amundson, Michelle Dujardin, Deb Weberpal

Kidd moved to elect Brandon Knedler as Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson, Nathan Jaeger as Parks and Recreation Board Vice-Chairperson, Bruce Parker on Plan & Architectural Review Commission, Brendon Knedler on Urban Forestry Commission, and Jen Kaina on Whitewater Aquatic Center Board. Seconded by Parker. Ayes: Knedler, Parker, Kaina, Kidd and Jaeger. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Gosh. Motion passed

**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 April 16, 2012, Receipt and acknowledgment of Urban Forestry Commission minutes of February 28, 2012 and March 27, 2012, and expedited approval of request for facility rental refund by Sonia Sagrero. Seconded by Parker. Ayes: Knedler, Parker, Kaina, Kidd and Jaeger. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Gosh. 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 comments

**Staff Reports:**

Parks & Recreation Director:

- Board Vacancies: There are currently two board vacancies open, applications will be taken till Friday, May 25, 2012.
- Ball Diamond Improvements: Due to participation growth, multiple ball diamonds have received much needed improvements.
- Youth Baseball & Softball: Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> was the official start of Youth Baseball & Softball

- Summer Interns: Starting full time this week, Travis Wessels will be a 40 hour a week intern under Matt Amundson's supervision, Nicole Golden will be a 40 hour a week intern under Michelle Dujardin's supervision
- Seasonal Wages: Included in board packet is a comparison of seasonal wages with comparable cities. Whitewater is ranked low in almost every position. A discussion on seasonal wages will be addressed with the next budget.

Recreation & Community Events Programmer:

- Adult Dance & Non-Resident Fee Concern: A letter was submitted to the department from the Adult Tap class expressing a concern of the high rate of non-resident fee for the class.

**Discussion and action on request by GRB Academy for use of ball diamonds at Starin Park in Fall 2012.**

Amundson referred to the letter submitted by Max Cordio requesting use of fields at Starin Park for a Fall baseball program. Board directed Amundson to put together a proposal to bring back to next meeting.

**Discussion and direction related to maintenance of Clay Street Nature Park**

Amundson referred back to the park tour, visually showing concerns of overgrown trees, string trimming, and overgrown turtle mound. Parker moved to clean up turtle mound, clean out weeds, and clean overhanging trees and brush to lake. Seconded by Kidd. Ayes: Knedler, Parker, Kaina, Kidd and Jaeger. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Gosh. Motion passed

(Kidd left 6:20pm)

**Discussion and approval of Parks and Recreation Board Calendar**

The board unanimously decided monthly meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month. Meetings held May- August will begin at 4pm. Meetings held September-April will begin at 5pm. The next Parks & Recreation Board Meeting will be June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

**Discussion regarding Parks and Recreation Department Staffing**

Agenda item was postponed to June meeting.

**Request for future agenda items**

Adult Dance and Non-Resident Fee Concern, Ray Trost Nature Preserve & Trail Signage, Minneiska Park drainage, Mounds Restoration Plan

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:40pm by Kaina. Second by Parker. Affirmed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Dujardin