

City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board Minutes
Monday, August 6, 2012 - 4:00pm
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd Floor, Whitewater Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order and Roll Call

Nathan Jaeger, Kim Gosh, Bruce Parker, Rachel Deporter, Teri Smith, and Ken Kidd Absent: Brandon Knedler, Jen Kaina.

Staff: Matt Amundson, Deb Weberpal, Chuck Nass

Guests: None

Consent Agenda:

CA-A Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of July 2, 2012

CA-B Receipt and acknowledgement of Urban Forestry Commission minutes of June 26, 2012

No items to be removed from consent agenda. Kidd moved to accept the consent agenda. Second by Smith. Ayes: Jaeger, Parker, Kidd, Smith, Deporter, and Gosh. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Knedler, 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.

There were no public comments

Staff Reports:

Parks & Recreation Director

- Youth Baseball & Softball –Season has concluded. The Quad County Board will be looking at sportsmanship at the season review meeting in August.
- Youth Football – 92 were registered as of the deadline. Now have 165 registered in the tackle program. All late registrations paid \$20 extra. Working to get people signed up earlier to assist with equipment ordering.
- Treyton’s Field of Dreams – The turf down payment was approved by City Council. Tentatively the group may be the main food stand for Pig in the Park.
- Oak Savannah – Included in your packet is DNR information on the Oak Savannah, requested by Teri Smith.

Senior Coordinator

- Senior Center Month-September is Senior Center Month and Active Aging Week. There will be a lot of events and new classes.
- Pickleball Update-Pickleball will begin in September. Several seniors have volunteered to supervise and instruct. The activity will take place in the Trippe Lake parking lot. Chuck Nass’ crew will paint the lines.
- WASC Fall Conference-Weberpal will be attending a statewide Aging Network conference in September.
- Storage Project-Thanks to Dwight Slocum and Klye Cromos for constructing the storage closet and working around our activity schedule. The fitness group is very happy to have the additional storage for their equipment.

Discussion and possible action regarding Emerald Ash Borer problems

Nass referred to the memo. Walworth County is now under quarantine and no hardwood can be taken out of the county. 13% of the terrace trees in the city are ash. The cost to combat the emerald ash borer is approximately \$10,000 per year for the life of the trees. Shadow planting would plant a young tree near a tree in decline so when the tree dies, there is decent canopy to replace it. Nass and the park board prefer this method of control. There is an Emerald Ash Borer plan on the city website. Nass will present to city council tomorrow night.

Action on Park Development Fund improvement projects for 2012

Amundson referred to the memo and the addition of Expenses in the Parkland Development Fund for 2012. Proposed funds added were the comprehensive Bike Plan Update- \$5,000, the Starin Park North Diamond Improvements (dugouts) - \$3000, and Wood fiber surfacing for the Starin Playground- \$4500. Also proposed putting the Minneiska Playground on hold because of the subdivisions' proximity to the park at Trippe Lake. The Trippe Lake Accessible fishing pier/dock should be a priority. Kidd moved to approve the 2012 Park Development fund expenses. Second by Smith. Ayes: Jaeger, Parker, Kidd, Smith, Deporter, and Gosh. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Knedler, Kaina. Motion passed.

Action on request for free facility use by AWANA

Amundson commented the group would like to use a city facility from 4:00 – 6:00 pm or 6:00 – 8:00 pm. There was much discussion on where they fall in the rental policy. Kidd moved to place AWANA in Group 1 of the rental policy until the policy changes. Second by Parker. Ayes: Jaeger, Parker, Kidd, Deporter, and Gosh. Noes: Smith. Abstain: None. Absent: Knedler, Kaina. Motion passed.

Action on facility rental & reservation policy to include reservation of parks

Amundson referred to the memo packet with the proposed changes and additions in red. Kidd moved to accept the additions and revisions to the rental policy. Second by Deporter. Ayes: Jaeger, Parker, Kidd, Smith, Deporter, and Gosh. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Knedler, Kaina. Motion passed.

Action on geese management plan

Amundson referred to the memo and discussed the four management objectives. The fall application of the Chemical deterrent of food sources will cost approximately \$300 - \$400 and will not harm children or pet. Kidd moved to accept the Geese management plan and the use of the chemical deterrent pending safety compliance. Second by Smith. Ayes: Jaeger, Parker, Kidd, Smith, Deporter, and Gosh. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Knedler, Kaina. Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:50 pm. Motion by Parker. Second by Smith. Affirmed by voice vote.

Next meeting: Monday September 10 at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal