

**City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board
Draft Minutes
Tuesday June 11, 2013 - 5:30pm
Community Room (1st Floor)
Whitewater Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190**

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Staff: Matt Amundson, Deb Weberpal

Guests: Richard Helmick, Mike Kilar

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of May 14, 2013.

Jaeger moved to accept the consent agenda. Second by Parker. Ayes: Jaeger, Parker, Deporter, Smith and Knedler. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kidd and 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

- Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan – May 21 the steering committee met and identified concerns with formatting and one section of information. Implementation plan did not flow or make sense. Amundson drafted one and sent to committee for review. Hope to have to Park Board for approval by end of summer
- Geese Management – Egg oiling permit obtained. Can treat 20 nests with permit. Ginny Coburn also had permit and had been doing for the spring. Will coordinate better next year. Chemical applicant applied to turf area at Cravath Lakefront between sidewalk and parking lot and Trippe lake between trail and lake
- Lakes Treatment – there has been a large fish kill on the lake. DNR said result of a virus. Will not impact humans. Streets crew trying to keep shorelines clean. Not abnormal but is a concern. Lake treatment for EWM occurred last Friday (after fish dying) there is very little milfoil but coontail is abundant. Identified navigational channels for and from piers for additional treatment of native plants. Concern for water ski show at Cravath over the 4th. Asked provider to give treatment dates so can keep others updated. Only chemical treatment this year. DNR will be monitoring. DNR will give referrals for mechanical harvesting. Parker inquired what happens to the plant as the chemical works. Amundson is trying to get this information. Mechanical harvest needs 3' of depth. Smith inquired if a group such as the Boy Scouts could hand harvest weeks in the shallow area. Amundson thinks may need DNR permission.
- Project Update – shared by email to the board. Bids were due today for Field of Dreams and received one bid.

- Annual Park Tour – This Thursday from 6pm – 8 pm. Will show manual weed cutting at Cravath and stop at the Mounds to view volunteer work. Parker inquired about “extra pond” at Minneiska Park.

Considerations:

Discussion related to Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve and concerns raised at May meeting

Questions from previous citizen comments and replies are part of the packet.

Benches – Knedler inquired about eventually replacing the stone benches. Mounds Group concerned with vandalism of other benches. There were 4 benches and there are two now. Mowing issue has been resolved.

Helmick: Clearing of turf grass. Crew may not have had measurements of the mounds and most need to be expanded.

Helmick: Concern with damage to mounds. Helmick will send pictures to Amundson. Helmick began discussions with the Assistant Director of WI state Historical Society concerning reconstruction of the damaged mounds and found out there are protocols.

Discussion and review of site plan, floor plan, elevations, and a rendering for the proposed pavilion at Starin Park related to Treyton’s Field of Dreams

Amundson referred to the packet. He reviewed the site plan for the concession stand.

Discussion and review of Winter/Spring Recreation Program financials

Amundson referred to the packet. Commented that we would be at 110% if we take out the ice rink which brings in no income. Increase in both senior and program offerings. Non- resident participation is up.


Request for future agenda items

Adjourn

6:10 pm. Motion by Parker. Second by Knedler. Affirmed by voice vote.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 9, at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal