

**City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes**

Monday, July 29, 2013 - 4:30pm

Community Room – 1st Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Staff: Matt Amundson, and Michelle Dujardin

Guests: Jeffery Schemm and Pattie Rehberg

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of June 11, 2013. Expedited approval of Request for program registration refund by Diana Hagner for Youth Gymnastics.

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

Recreation and Special Events Coordinator

- Pig In The Park: Event was held at Cravath Lakefront Park on June 15th & 16th. The event was successful with a profit over \$2,000.00. Changes are being made for 2014 but a June date has been set to move forward another year with the event.

Parks & Recreation Director

- Project Update: Bike master plan- The committee is hard to get together but things are moving forward.
- FOD- Lots of leg work this week , exploration into local workers for volunteer services is being asked.
- HVAC for Multiple Building- Currently looking at video surveillance and trying to link all buildings together.
- Whitewater Creek & James Street Basin- Currently waiting for engineering company.

Discussion and possible action related to aquatic plant management on Trippe & Cravath

- Amundson referred to packet and chemical treatment that happened on both lakes. Cravath had treatment for Erosion Water Milfoil, Friday June 7th. On Monday June 17th navigational paths were created in both lakes. The Combination of treatments and rain fall created great lake appearance. Amundson stated he reached out to two harvest outfitters. Clearwater Plant Harvester that charges \$200 per hour of cutting time, no cost for travel time, and no contracts. Midwest Aquatics Company that indicated a cost of \$3,500-\$5,000.Both companies have concerns on boat launches and would not be able to use our current launches.

- Jeffery Schemm: Would like to see some plan in place, would like to see a 5 -10 year plan. It's getting worse year by year.
- Amundson stated we are in a unique situation with the shallow lakes and this creates obstacles to solving these problems.
- Parker stated ski teams interest in hopes of coming into our lakes more often and making our lakes available for them.
- Amundson stated he is open for options in the Fall for possible mechanical harvesting and see what happens. Find a solution, meet the goals, and then move forward for a 5-10 year plan with options that work.
- Kidd asked about funds. Amundson stated we have \$10,000-\$12,000.
- Knedler asked if the harvester would just pass over the spots that were chemically treated. Amundson stated yes.
- Jeffery Schemm: Would love to see Harvest company started. Chemically treated weeds once dead, are clogging the bottom of the lake; harvest would be taking the weeds out.
- Parked suggested working with the DNR to have more than the navigational channels treated so we can have more activities in the lake.
- Amundson stated that the DNR offers grant programs for feasibility study
- Kidd expressed concerned about us doing a "band aid" solution. Can we fix the launches with the money we have and in time?

Parks and Recreation Board directed Amundson to get costs on chemical treatment and harvesting to take to Council for direction. Also, to have a discussion with Chuck about boat launches, improvement options, funding, costs, and the possibility of getting them ready in time.

Discussion and possible action related to the beach at Trippe Lake

Amundson gave background on the subject that in the past, the streets crew has groomed the beach and citizens have asked for more sand to be put down. This continued practice raises concerns that sediments will make its way into the lakes undoing problems we have worked so hard to fix.

- Parker suggested a ribbon of sand along the lakefront but taking away the beach.
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Parker moved to keep a ribbon of sand, approximately 10 feet, and create a grassy area to the existing bike path. Seconded by Kidd. Ayes: Jaeger, Parker, Deporter, Kidd, Kaina and Knedler. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Smith and Gosh. Motion passed.

Discussion related to hunting regulations in City Parks

Amundson referred to citizen requests to hunt on their property or city property.

Parks and Recreation Board directed Amundson to identify what areas are able to have hunting abilities, lots that might overlap with a park and high risk areas. Also, to identify what type of hunting tool should be allowed; bow, cross bow, shot gun, or rifle.

Review and possible action on proposal for consultant services to assist with Strategic Plan

Amundson referred to the packet and layout of proposal and services.

Kidd moved to approve agreement proposed, and to work with SAA Designs Group on a timeline. Seconded by DePorter. Ayes: Jaeger, Parker, Deporter, Kidd, Kaina and Knedler. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Smith and Gosh. Motion passed.

Review and possible action on agreement with Whitewater Community Foundation related to Treyton's Field of Dreams.

Amundson presented the draft agreement, goal of the agreement, and the responsibilities associated with the project once completed. Amundson asked the board for feedback and possible changes.

- Knedler questioned if the funds can be utilized to improve the other fields at Starin Park or is it just for the field of dreams?
- Knedler questioned who this board would report to?
- Knedler questioned who will be managing the concessions?

Amundson stated this is a work in progress and will bring any changes back to the board in the next draft document.

Review and possible action on playground equipment to be purchased for Turtle Mount Park

Amundson stated that neighbors are meeting tomorrow at 4:00pm to select the playground equipment and will take the selected option to Common Council on Aug 6th for approval.

Amundson asked for boards blessing to let the committee; three optimist members and anyone in the neighborhood, select the playground and move forward. The Parks and Recreation Board agreed to the selection process.

Request for future agenda items

4th of July carnival family housing location.

Knedler moved to adjourn meeting at 6:12pm. Seconded by Parker. Ayes: Jaeger, Parker, Deporter, Kidd, Kaina and Knedler. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Smith and Gosh. Motion passed.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 13th at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Dujardin

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