

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 - 5:30 pm

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

Call to Order and Roll Call

Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger, Jen Kaina, (5:50) Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, and Bruce Parker. Absent: .

Staff: Matt Amundson, Deb Weberpal, Chuck Nass

Guests: Dave Saalsa, Tammy Brodnicki. Jean Mills, Blake Scharine, Karen Coburn, Karen McCullough, Andrew Krohn, Sherry Stanek, Bev Stone, and Dave Stone.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of September 9, 2014

Kidd moved to accept the consent agenda. Second by Jaeger. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Sarah Hansberry, Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, and Bruce Parker. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina.

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

Abby Schultz's last day was Friday. Interim has been filled with Brooke Friess. Interned with W3 last year. Interim will be through hire of full time replacement. Amundson gave a slide show of the work this year on the field through the grand opening. Also viewed concession and projected costs for the concession stand. \$174,720 is left for the concession stand, bleachers and batting cage. Viewed the 5 year operating budget.

Considerations:

Review and approve Urban Forestry Committee's recommendation for Downtown Streetscape

Amundson referred to the Board packet. Downtown and the UFC have reviewed the plans and both approve. Final placing of the trees will be decided with the downtown Whitewater group. Kidd moved to approve the plan pending final details. Second by Deporter. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Sarah Hansberry, Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, and Bruce Parker. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina.

Discussion and possible action related to Cravath Lakefront Park and specifically tree planting and its impact on Special Events

Knedler opened the meeting and allowed 5 minutes per group to give their opinions.
(Kaina arrived 5:50)

Karen Coburn - Chairperson UFC; She read a letter encouraging planting of some trees in Cravath Lakefront park.

Blake Scharine – 4th July committee – Parks have uses and he would like to see appropriate use of all parks for all people.

Tammy Brodnicki – Downtown Whitewater but representing herself – Would like downtown to have been invited to the meeting. Required by city to do four special events. Required to have space for 25 teams to be sanctioned for Pig in the Park.

Andrew Crone - Shared letter from Thayer Coburn (board received it). Has been to several events with trees and in forests.

Amundson – Award winning park developed with the intent of hosting events. It's beautiful; trees are one component to a beautiful park. Stage is nonfunctional and would like to investigate an amphitheater.

Dave Saalsaa commented Downtown is looking at removable shade canopies for events. Trees may need to be pruned around light poles near the facility and along the railroad tracks.

Board is tabling any action until next month.

Request for future agenda items

There were no requests for future items

Adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Kaina. Second by Deporter. Affirmed by voice vote.

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, November 11, 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal