

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

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 - 5:30 pm

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

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Knedler at 5:44. Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, Sarah Hansberry, and Brandon Knedler were in attendance. Absent: Jen Kaina, Rachel DePorter, and Bruce Parker

Staff: Matt Amundson

Guests: Richard Helmick, Denay Trykowski

Consent Agenda:

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

No items to be removed from consent agenda. Jaeger moved to accept the consent agenda. Second by Hansberry. Ayes: Sarah Hansberry, Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, and Brandon Knedler. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, Rachel DePorter and Bruce Parker.

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.

Richard Helmick shared a map of the Effigy Mounds Preserve indicating where damage has been caused by an animal. Richard is concerned that this damage is causing a safety issue at the site.

Staff Reports:

Parks & Recreation Director

Amundson shared that Deb Weberpal is beginning the re-accreditation process for Seniors in the Park and will be looking for Board involvement. Also, Deb is looking for chili cook off contestants for Freeze Fest. Amundson also shared that Nate Karraker has been hired as the Recreation Program Coordinator and he will begin his duties on Monday, January 19th. The ice rink opened on December 31st. The agenda items regarding Cravath Lakefront and Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve will be brought to the February meeting.

Considerations:

Discussion and possible action related to volunteer policies

The item was tabled as it was requested by Bruce Parker who was unable to attend the meeting.

Discussion and possible action related to the development of a volunteer recognition program

A variety of formats and concepts were discussed. Staff was directed to bring a proposal forward at the February meeting including a budget for further discussion.

Discussion and possible action related to establishing rental fees and policies for Treyton's Field of Dreams and the Starin Park ball diamond complex.

Discussion took place regarding current programming for the field and concerns related to wear and tear of the outfield and allowing recovery time between large events. A motion was made by Jaeger and seconded by Kidd to approve the policy and include a statement allowing for groups to request a fee waiver from the Parks and Recreation Board provided that the intended use of the facility meets the Department's programming goals. Ayes: Sarah Hansberry, Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, and Brandon Knedler. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, Rachel DePorter and Bruce Parker.

Work session to discuss Strategic Plan draft and public input process

Amundson presented the draft plan. The Board directed staff to develop a survey and hold focus groups to review the plan. Amundson will also present the plan to local service groups for feedback.

Request for future agenda items

There were no requests for future agenda items.

Adjourn at 7:22 pm. Affirmed by voice vote.

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, February 10th, 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Amundson