

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

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 - 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, Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, Kori Oberle, Nate Jaeger, and Brandon Knedler (Arrived 6:06pm)

Absent: Jen Kaina

Staff: Matt Amundson, Michelle Dujardin

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of October 19, 2015

No items to be removed from consent agenda. Parker moved to accept the consent agenda. Second by Oberle. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger, Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None.

Abstain: None. Absent: Jen Kaina and Brandon Knedler

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.

No Citizen Comments

Staff Reports:

Recreation and Community Events Programmer –

UW-W Partnership with After School Program: The Afterschool program is in its second year of working with Recreation class 320 to provide an opportunity for students to complete their final project by working with the after school children. This partnership has been very successful and appreciated by both the recreation students and elementary students.

Halloween Party: The Youth Halloween Party was held Saturday, October 31st in conjunction with UWW Homecoming and Whitewater City Trick or Treat. Despite the cold rainy weather, the party had great attendance.

Fall Dance Recital: The End of Season Fall Dance Recital will be held at the Hamilton Room in the UC on Saturday, November 14th. Over 70 dancers will take the stage and show off their moves. Winter classes will begin in February.

Brochure: The Winter/Spring Brochure is receiving the final touches and will be online shortly with printed versions to follow.

Parks & Recreation Director - Improvement Project Status Report

Introduction of Recreation Program Coordinator Sara Rollins: Due to personal situations Sara is no longer with the department. Discussions about future plans will take place at December meeting.

WPRA Conference: The annual state conference took place the first week of November with many great sessions. Two of the most memorable sessions were; Work to life balance and Effective ways to use social media.

Considerations:

Discussion and possible action related to Minneiska & Trippe Lake Park Improvements

Amundson stated there is currently \$30,000 allocated for a playground in Minneiska Park for 2018.

Amundson pointed out the close proximity of Trippe Lake Park to the Waters Edge neighborhood and questioned the need for another playground when the funds could be used to update and incorporate ADA components into Trippe Lake Park.

Parker commented that families were told when purchasing their homes by the builder that a playground would be in their neighborhood as part of the subdivision and was concerned these families were still looking to see that playground.

Kidd commented that it's more of a strategic decision to put more money into upgrades instead of increasing maintenance cost of an additional park. Kidd questioned how many parks we manage short and long term

The Board discussed and directed Amundson to create a survey for the Waters Edge residents and bring back findings to the December meeting.

(Knedler arrives at 6:06pm)

Discussion and possible action related to Park Development Fees

Amundson commented that Park Fees haven't changed because the 5 year plan has yet to be updated. Amundson has contacted other communities and is awaiting feedback to move forward with this item.

Request for future agenda items

Recreation Coordinator Position, Developer Park Fees, and Program Participation Policy

Adjourn

Knedler moved to adjourn at 6:20. Second by Parker. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger, Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jen Kaina

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, December 8th, 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Dujardin