

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

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – 5:30pm

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 Parker at 5:35. Rachel Deporter, Sarah Hansberry, Ken Kidd, Bruce Parker, and Kori Oberle.

Absent: Nate Jeager, Brandon Knedler, and Jen Kaina

Staff: Matt Amundson & Michelle Dujardin

Guests: None

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of March 10, 2015, Receipt and acknowledgment of Urban Forestry Commission minutes of January 27, 2015 & February 24, 2015, and expedited approval of facility refund request by Morgan Paris.

Kidd asked to remove the Urban Forestry Minutes from January 27, 2015 and directed Amundson to ask in detail the question asked under staff reports made by Denay Trykowski of “what trees are to be planted at the Senior Center”

Kidd moved to accept the consent agenda with the stated item removed. Second by Oberle. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Bruce Parker, Kori Oberle, Sarah Hansberry, Ken Kidd. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, Brandon Knedler, and Nate Jeager.

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

Knedler arrives at 5:40

Staff Reports:

Recreation and Community Events Programmer:

Brochure- Dujardin showcased the new formatted Summer/ Fall 2015 Brochure and announced that everything is currently online and the printed versions will be available the week of April 27th.

Learning Fiesta- The department has partnered with Whitewater Leads to offer the first event that provides families an introduction to Spanish with a simple dinner involved to encourage learning different languages and eating as a family.

UW-W Partnership with Afterschool- This week wraps up the partnership between the after school program and the recreation leadership class. Students were tasked with developing a program from scratch, implementing the program at one of the schools to our after school kids, and then presenting the findings to both the professor and Dujardin for final grade.

Instagram- The department has been working with a UW-W group to evaluate our social media and help increase our followings. The group has created an Instagram account for the department.

Park and Recreation Director:

Upcoming Tournaments- Amundson indicated there are 12 tournaments/events currently scheduled for the Field of Dreams, with the first tournament happening on the weekend of April 25th with 18 teams coming to town. The scoreboard is set to be installed by next Friday.

Soccer Fields at Moraine View Park- The fields closest to Innovation Drive will be shut down for the season and will be re-graded and seeded to help with future field quality.

Considerations:**Discussion and possible action related to future meeting schedule and annual park tour:**

Amundson suggested moving meetings back to the 1st Monday of the month at 5:00pm. The board recommended keeping the May meeting the second Tuesday of the month and evaluate after that meeting. The annual park tour will be May 12th leaving from Starin Park at 5:30pm.

Discussion and possible action on park designation for Indian Mounds Parkway south of Walworth Avenue:

Amundson presented the conceptual design maps created by Scott Weberpal of the area known to residents as the bridge to nowhere becoming a possible park. The creation of a park in this area would help ADA Compliance in the creation of a pet area.

Parker questioned what the State was doing with the grassy area and its possibility as the pet area.

Kidd motioned to put together a cost estimate, start the naming process, and to receive conceptual support from City Council. Second by Deporter. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Brandon Knedler, Bruce Parker, Kori Oberle, Sarah Hansberry, Ken Kidd. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, and Nate Jeager.

Discussion and possible action on lake harvesting contract with Midwest Aquatics:

Amundson presented the contract and prices with Midwest Aquatics and stated the option of looking in the future of possible purchasing of a city harvester. Amundson recommended going with Midwest Aquatics again due to the quality of work, holding the same price level as 2014, and dedication.

Parker motioned to approve the contract with Midwest Aquatics. Second by Deporter. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Bruce Parker, Kori Oberle, Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, Ken Kidd. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, and Nate Jeager.

Discussion and possible action related to open gym programs:

Amundson presented the proposal that beginning September 1st that the Parks & Recreation Department begin to supervise all open gym programs with a season staff member. The proposal also included all open gym participants to purchase an open gym membership for \$25.00 for one year or pay a \$1.00 drop-in fee. The proceeds from the open gym program would pay for the supervisor and towards equipment replacement such as volleyball nets, new basketball goals, and gym floor re-finishing. A letter explaining the changes will be sent out before implementing the fee.

Knedler motioned to approve charging a fee for open gym and for the program to move forward as of September 1st. Second by Kidd. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Bruce Parker, Kori Oberle, Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, Ken Kidd. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, and Nate Jeager.

Discussion and possible action related to the dedication of Kachel's Kids Field at Starin Park.

Amundson presented the vendor fabricated dedication panel that will be placed near the field.

Amundson also stated that the new scoreboard being placed at the field will also have a panel (similar to Toppers) indicating the field name.

Discussion and possible action related to agreements with Whitewater Youth Football (WYFL), Whitewater Youth Soccer, and Whitewater Traveling Basketball Club

Amundson presented the agreements and asked for the Board's input. The Board expressed support in the partnerships.

Kidd motioned to approve the agreements with Whitewater Youth Football, Whitewater Youth Soccer, and Whitewater Traveling Basketball Club with the Whitewater Parks & Recreation Department pending the approval of the designated Boards of each club. Second by Hansberry. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Bruce Parker, Kori Oberle, Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, Ken Kidd. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, and Nate Jeager

Request for future agenda items:

No items

Adjourn at 6:31pm. Affirmed by voice vote.

Next scheduled meeting : Tuesday, May 12th, 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Dujardin