

City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 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, Nate Jaeger, Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler and Kori Oberle.

Absent: Jen Kaina

Staff: Matt Amundson, Deb Weberpal

Guests: Ken Kienbaum (7:00)

Amundson informed the board that Sarah Hansberry has moved out of the community and has resigned from the board.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of June 9, 2015

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

Senior Coordinator – Accreditation

Our review was Friday July 10. The Review Committee is recommending re-accreditation. We will receive the official re-accreditation in September at the Annual Senior Center Conference in Eau Claire.

Parks & Recreation Director - Improvement Project Status Report

Amundson referred to the chart in the packet and updated the board on the Capital Improvement Project List for 2015. Amundson held a pre construction meeting this morning for the new boat launch at Cravath. Bids were opened for the Armory ramp and stairs and awarded to RR Walton. The Meadowsweet Park detention pond will be started this week. The contractor will harvest Cravath Lake prior to construction beginning on the Cravath Launch. Kidd commented that the geese enter the park

via the boat launch and requested a gate. He commented the stones seem to be working at Trippe. Amundson also discussed park maintenance needs.

Considerations:

Discussion and possible action related to selection of color for siding and trim at Starin Park Community Building

Amundson had a larger sample of the siding color chosen by the participants at The community Building. Weberpal noted they were given six color options and had a range of ages chose their favorite. The choice is Russet Red. Jaeger moved to use the Russt Red to side the Starin Park Community Building. Second by DePorter. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger, Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jen Kaina

Discussion and possible action related to 2015 Waterfowl Hunting Program

Amundson referred to the packet. Ther are no proposed to changes tot e program. The DNR rules and Regulations will be out the end of August. Kidd oved to approve the 2015 Waterfowl Hunting Program as presented. Second by Parker. Ayes: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger, Bruce Parker, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jen Kaina

Discussion and possible action related to 2016 Budget

The Board had a discussion regarding goals with staff and goals will be included in future budget review by the Board.

2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan

When discussing parks projects Amundson talked about the Aquatic Harvester and more research would have to be on return of investment. Parker requested the pavers at Cravath Lakefront be fixed as they are a liability. Permanent fencing of the railroad tracks is only feasible with an easement from the railroad company. The board added a splash pad to 2018.

Two long term goals of the board are Lakes Health and Recreational Access and a Community Center. Kienbaum commented Trek will be leaving in December and wondered if their facility could be used as a community center. Parker commented park fees for new development were discussed at Plan Board.

Request for future agenda items

Wayfinding signs at the Effigy Mounds

Adjourn

Kidd moved to adjourn at 7:20. Second by DePorter. 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, August 11, 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal