

**City of Whitewater  
Parks and Recreation Board  
Draft Minutes  
Wednesday, July 6, 2016 – 6:300 pm  
Cravath Lakefront Conference Room  
2nd Floor, Whitewater Municipal Building  
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, Chris Grady, Larry Kachel, Steve Ryan, and Kori Oberle. Absent: Bruce Parker, Brandon Knedler, Jen Kaina, Rachel Deporter  
Staff: Matt Amundson, Deb Weberpal, Deb Oas

**Consent Agenda:**

Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of June 1, 2016

No items to be removed from consent agenda. Grady moved to accept the consent agenda. Second by Kachel. Ayes: Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, Chris Grady, Larry Kachel, Steve Ryan, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Brandon Knedler, Rachel Deporter and 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 citizen comments.

**Staff Reports:**

Parks & Recreation Director –

The department ‘float’ in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade was well received. The staff marched with it and handed out sunglasses. The lake harvest on June 13 was 250 cu. Yds (50 dump truck loads). The harvest releases the algae that arrived the following week. There has been no wind or rain to break it up. Midwest Aquatics is hopeful to return the week of July 18 for another lake harvest. Dr. Kidd commented a UW professor is interested in looking at the algae. A dredging feasibility map has been submitted to the DNR.

Aquatic Center – Getting quotes to replace the carpeting. The lighting will be retrofitted with LED lights. Oas and Amundson met with Kaina to discuss fitness equipment and to look at getting pricing through the state UW contract. The advantage is the company will be in town for maintenance. Kaina recommends and has worked with them. Also looking at bringing in demo equipment for pass holders to try.

The Grand Opening of the outdoor fitness equipment and the concession stand will be Thursday, July 7 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. There will be music and a bouncy house. The fitness equipment will be dedicated at 5:45 and the concession building at 6:15.

Amundson is working with Taylor to donate a soft serve ice cream machine.

Jenna Stine has been hired as the Customer Service Coordinator at the Aquatic Center. She starts July 25.

## **Considerations:**

### **Discussion and presentation related to Aquatic Center including May financial report and current pass holder report**

Amundson referred to the packet. The Silver Sneakers program is affecting memberships as it is free to participants. Staff will monitor the program and get input. On the first Friday of the month will be free admission from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Amundson reviewed the financial reports.

There are 1452 active pass holders. Amundson discussed the difference in software packages that track membership and how easy Recdesk is compared to what was being used. Discussed what constitutes a family, for membership. Suggested to define by family size for pricing. Can look at other facilities and what they do, also.

### **Discussion and possible action related to lightning policy at Whitewater Aquatic Center.**

Rich Rozelle of Delta Electric reviewed the facility with Matt Amundson and feels that it is properly grounded. Jason Krapfl of Carrico also urged closing during lightning and that many aquatic related agencies recommend doing the same. There has been discussion both ways professionally. A consensus of the board was to error on the side of caution. The Board advised no change to the current policy. Oas comments USA swim may have some recommendations when they review the facility later in the year.

### **Discussion and possible action related to proposals received for fencing project in Cravath Lakefront Park.**

Amundson referred to the packet. The CIP has \$25,000 for the project. The Railroad has dropped the requirement for the gates. The low bid for the black ornament wrought iron fencing was \$32,860. Board inquired if city crew could install. They are stretched thin already. Suggested to check with Walton and to also get separate quotes for materials and install. Board is ok if Walton can do it for less.

### **Request for future agenda items**


Would like the August 24 meeting to be a 'Where are we and where are we going /goal setting' meeting for the Aquatic Center. Look at Corporate memberships and wellness.

### **Adjourn**

Kachel moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Second by Grady. Ayes: Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd, Chris Grady, Larry Kachel, Steve Ryan, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Brandon Knedler, Rachel Deporter and Jen Kaina.

### **Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, August 17**

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal