

WHITEWATER PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2022

8:00 AM

Stoughton Council Chambers (321 S. Fourth Street, Stoughton, WI 53589) and Zoom



Present Members: Regina Hirsch, Matt Dregne, Jamie Patrick, Bob Diebel, Brandon Holstein, and Parks & Recreation Director Dan Glynn

Guests: Janice Kellogg, John Bottoroff, Tim Swadley, and Ryan Richards

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:04 am.

2. Approval of the November 14, 2022 Minutes

Motion by Diebel and seconded by Holstein to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Communications

Glynn shared that the DNR determined that the design for the park falls under the large dam definition due to the structural height being over six feet. The ramifications are that the City will need to perform a dam failure analysis and continue inspections like the current dam.

New Business

5. Ryan Richards – Bend OR Whitewater Park (Discussion)

Richards explained his position with the Bend Parks District and his past position with the Boise Parks & Recreation Department. He has 10 years of experience operating whitewater parks for public agencies. He currently is responsible for the operation of the surfing wave in Bend, OR. He explained that their surfing wave has 24 different underwater bladders that adjust the surfing wave depending on the flow of the river. The bladders are controlled by computers and iPads. He explained that the bladders are robust. They need overhauls about every 25 years.

He explained that tubers will be “lappers” where they will float down the rapids in their park and return to the top when finished. He also explained briefly that a private contractor does rentals and shuttles. There are three different pickup locations for the shuttle service with their whitewater park being the middle stop.

6 Future Agenda Items

Surfing Wave Design – Mason Lacy

Adjournment

Motion made by Dregne and seconded by Diebel at 9:53 am. Motion carried unanimously.