WHITEWATER PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2020
8:00 AM
Stoughton City Hall – Hall of Fame Room

Present Members: Regina Hirsch, Pete Manley, Alex DeSmidt, Brandon Holstein, Bob Diebel, and Parks & Recreation Director Dan Glynn
Guests: Eric Olson, Dan Hanson, Mark Hale, Tim Swadley, David Pfeiffer, Katherin Foster

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 8:03 am.

2. Approval of the January 21, 2020 Minutes
Motion by Holstein and seconded by Manley to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment
Mark Hale presented slides to the committee that showed the current conditions of the river north of County Road B which included wildlife. He is concerned that the water level decrease will impact the wildlife negatively. Dan Hanson echoed Hale's concerns about the water levels and impact to wildlife. David Pfeiffer shared that he was not notified about the project and that many residents did not know what was going on. Foster shared that she was concerned about the wildlife impacts to the millpond.

4. Communications
Glynn shared that he sent letters to City riparian owners upstream of the dam. The letter was to invite them to two separate meetings where he covered details of the project. 15 riparian owners attended the two different meetings and the majority of attendees were excited about the project. The main concern among the attendees was the impact to wildlife.

Glynn and the committee discussed the different grant options open to them at the time. He shared that he met with DNR officials the previous week and their ruling for the Municipal Dam Program grant was that the City was ineligible to apply due to not having a directive from them.

Glynn shared that the City received an official letter from the DNR on the contaminated sediment found in the millpond. The City is working with Strand to develop a remediation and restoration plan.

Old Business

4. Public Forum
The committee reviewed questions and comments that were left by attendees. The committee felt that the public forum went well.

New Business

6. Future Agenda Items
- River Restoration
- Grant Updates
- Wildlife Impacts

Adjournment
Motion made by Diebel and seconded by DeSmidt at 9:19 am. Motion carried unanimously.