

WHITEWATER PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2019

8:00 AM

Stoughton City Hall – Hall of Fame Room



Present Members: Regina Hirsch, Brandon Holstein, Alex DeSmidt, Bob Diebel, Vik Malling, and Parks & Recreation Director Dan Glynn

Guests: Gary Lacy, Mason Lacy, and Mayor Tim Swadley

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:08 am.

2. Approval of the September 16, 2019 Minutes

Motion by Diebel and seconded by Malling to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Communications

None

New Business

4. Phase II Whitewater Park Engineering Update

Gary and Mason Lacy shared the updated design for the park. There is enough head clearance for an underpass at 4th Street. The south channel drops are 6 inches and will be navigable by canoes. The Syttende Mai canoe race could go utilize the channel and it would be an enhancement to the race. The design utilizes the foundation of the dam to create a surfing wave. DNR contacts were checking to see if it would be able to be used and if it would qualify for dam removal grants. Gary and Mason Lacy explained the hydraulic analysis. It is showing a 3 foot water level drop at Main St and the impact is lessened more upstream. They explained that it was a balancing act between upstream water impacts and getting the project permitted.

5. Mandt Park Master Plan Update

The Committee, Gary Lacy, and Mason Lacy gave feedback on the three concepts. Gary Lacy shared that he liked the parallel road to the river going away and creating more greenspace near the river. There should be some pick-up/drop-off areas along with handicap parking close to the river. Other comments included making the entrance to the parking area so that Riverside Drive would be an extension, extending the parking lot, and moving the restrooms near the water.

6. Public Forum

Gary Lacy shared that a public presentation meeting is preferable over an open house. A FAQ sheet with common questions and answers would be helpful. Some of the questions to be addressed to include property values, water level impacts, and fishing.

7. Future Agenda Items

- Mandt Park Master Plan Updates
- Public Forum
- Whitewater Park Design

Adjournment

Motion made by Holstein and seconded by DeSmidt at 10:40 am. Motion carried unanimously.