

# WHITEWATER PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2018

8:00 AM

Stoughton City Hall – Hall of Fame Room



Present: Alderpersons: Bob Diebel, Jamie Patrick, Regina Hirsch, Brandon Holstein, Matt Dregne, Carl Chenoweth, Vik Malling, Alex DeSmidt, and Parks & Recreation Director Dan Glynn  
Guests: Mayor Tim Swadley

## 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am.

## 2. Communications

### Welcoming Statements & Introductions

The members of the steering committee introduced themselves to each other.

### Project History

Glynn shared the project history starting from the idea of the park to where the project is today and the steps he has taken.

### Conceptual Plan Presentation

Glynn shared the conceptual plan to the members and explained the different features of the plan.

### Stakeholder Groups

Glynn shared the stakeholder matrix to the group and explained that many of them represented different stakeholder groups within the matrix. Glynn shared that two groups who are not represented on the committee include fishermen and riverfront property owners.

### Role of the Steering Committee

Glynn shared what the role of the steering committee is. With each of them representing different stakeholder groups, it is likely that they will not all be one hundred percent agreeable on all features of the park. Glynn explained that this is where consensus building comes in. Consensus building is where a group of different stakeholders convene and come up with a plan that they can all live with.

*Motion made by Matt Dregne and seconded by Alex DeSmidt to use the consensus building approach for decision-making. The motion passed unanimously.*

## **Old Business**

### 3. Election of Facilitator

*Vik Malling nominated Regina Hirsch as the Facilitator and seconded by Matt Dregne. Motion passed unanimously.*

### 4. Election of Vice Facilitator

Vik Malling nominated Bob Diebel as the Vice Facilitator and seconded by Alex DeSmidt. Motion passed unanimously.

### 5. New Members

Glynn shared that fishermen should be represented since the area will be disrupted by paddlers. Chenoweth shared that he would like to see a member of the Dunkirk Dam Lake District be represented. The committee agreed that these were both good ideas. Glynn shared that he would work on recruiting these members before the next meeting.

### 6. Meeting Days & Times

There was discussion among members about the time and day for future meetings. Everyone agreed upon the third Monday of every month at 8:00 am.

#### 7. Public Involvement Plan

Glynn shared that there are various stakeholder groups that need to be heard from during the process and the best way to gather input. There was discussion about the best possible design for the park which included different options for the dam. The committee agreed to have experts in that area for the following meeting. DeSmidt shared that he could see if John Reimer from Dane County Land and Water Conservation Department.

#### **Adjournment**

*Motion made by DeSmidt and seconded by Holstein at 9:12 am. Motion carried unanimously.*