

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2018

6:00 PM

Stoughton Fire Department Training Room



Present: Alderpersons: Phil Caravello, Denise Duranczyk, Regina Hirsch, Nicole Wiessinger, Mayor Tim Swadley, and Parks & Recreation Director Dan Glynn

Guests: Kris Krentz and Paul Lawrence

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

2. Approval of the Minutes from July 17, 2018

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Duranczyk and seconded by Wiessinger. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Communications

Pickleball Court Construction Update:

Glynn shared that the court should be painted within the next two to three weeks. With the construction delays, we were put to the back of the line. A new fence quote is needed due to it being expired.

Whitewater Park Update:

Glynn shared that the economic impact report would be completed by the end of the month. The grant results are still not known. Glynn shared that the steering committee has started and the first meeting was about how to proceed with the meetings.

Park and Open Space Plan Update:

Glynn shared that survey was out and that there have been almost 400 responses. Mayor Swadley shared that the online survey was easy to use. Glynn shared that the survey was available on the City website, sent a link to recreation customers, and was sent to around 40 community organizations.

Criddle Park Playground

Glynn shared the meeting he and Parks Maintenance Supervisor Groom had with GRG Playscapes. Glynn shared GRG Playscapes' recommendation of rehabbing the wood play structure and replacing the other features. This is the same feedback that neighbors gave.

Operational Budget

Glynn explained that there wasn't much to share since the staff cost with benefits wasn't known.

Old Business

4. Rotary Park Plan (Discussion & Possible Action)

Kris Krentz and Paul Lawrence of Stoughton Rotary presented their plan for Rotary Park. The plan included expansion by purchasing the King property and adding a restroom facility. Lawrence explained that they were short \$35,000 to complete their plan. Duranczyk explained that she liked the plan, but the cost was too high for the benefit gained and there were other priorities that are more pressing. Hirsch shared that she would like to see other improvements to the park such as ADA seating and the drainage area on the northeast side of the park. Mayor Swadley shared that the bathrooms on existing park property would be the more cost effective solution. Krentz shared that they would go back to their committee and see which direction they should move forward.

5. Yahara River Trail (Discussion & Possible Action)

Glynn shared that Jim Wilcox from Rivers & Trails Taskforce worked on receiving quotes for a gravel trail. He was able to get a hold of Mark Rochon who moved to Alabama, but was willing to come to Stoughton to make the trail for \$43,000. Caravello shared that he didn't mind the gravel

trail because it wouldn't decay over time like asphalt and we wouldn't run into the situation where Madison had to shut down the Capital City Trail for reconstruction. Glynn shared that Skaalen and the Hospital were okay with the scope change to a gravel trail.

Motion to accept the scope change to gravel trail by Hirsch and Seconded by Duranczyk. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Future Agenda Items

Yahara River Trail

Park & Open Space Plan

Pickleball Court

Whitewater Park

Park Friends Group Formation

Operational Budget

Adjournment

Motion made by and seconded by at 8:15 pm. Motion carried unanimously.