

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday December 19, 2017

6:00 PM

Stoughton City Hall, Mayor's Office



Present: Alderpersons: Regina Hirsch, Lisa Reeves, Matt Bartlett, Mayor Donna Olson, and Parks & Recreation Director Tom Lynch

Guests: Recreation Supervisor Dan Glynn, Youth Center Manager Greg Hoyte, and Bob McGeever

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Regina Hirsch at 6:00 pm.

2. Approval of the Minutes from November 21, 2017

Motion by Lisa Reeves seconded by Matt Bartlett, to approve the minutes of November 21 as requested. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Communications

Nordic Ridge Solar Panel

The City received two bids for the Nordic Ridge Park solar panel. Cory Neeley from WPPI Energy who helped create the bid packet said both companies met what was asked and both were reputable companies. The next step is to apply for a grant that is due January 7th.

Virgin Lake Trail

There is no new news about the trail project. City staff needs to meet with volunteers from Cummins to discuss options for the trail.

Amundson Trail

Royal Oak Engineering is moving forward with creating a bid package for the trail construction.

Pickleball Court

Bids for the pickleball court at Mandt Park have been sent out and the bid opening is January 12th.

Mandt Park Project Updates

The City received a proposal from Recreation Engineering and Planning for planning services for the whitewater park. This includes three conceptual designs, outlining the permitting process, and obtaining appropriate mapping. The cost for the services was quoted at \$23,100. Glynn will be meeting with DNR executives in January about the whitewater park. Glynn met with Dave Marcoullier from UW-Madison and UW-Extension. Marcoullier specializes in recreational tourism and economics. Marcoullier agreed to create an economic impact analysis including cost recovery options and a market analysis for the whitewater park project at no cost. Glynn and Lynch attended the December Redevelopment Authority meeting and provided an update about the project.

Youth Center – Greg Hoyte

Hoyte explained the three basic rules for the Youth Center which are based around respect. This allows the Youth Center to have high participation and how the structure changes children who attend. Hoyte also explained how he provides mentoring and other services such as healthy snack and homework help.

Parks and Recreation Vision – Dan Glynn

Glynn discussed the National Park & Recreation Association's three pillars which are social equity, conservation, and health and wellness. He explained how these are the three major guiding principles and communities can mold them to better fit their community. Glynn then explained how funding for parks and recreation is different around the country. He then explained that the best agencies in Wisconsin were moving towards an enterprise fund model and how operating a livery for a possible whitewater park could generate funds that could be used for other capital projects. He then explained that a strategic plan and an update to the Park and Open

Space Plan was critical to get valuable public input. He then discussed trends with sport participation and outdoor recreation, and possible opportunities that may exist.

Old Business

New Business

4. Future Agenda Items

Criddle Park Playground
Park Development Fund Quarterly Report
Fair Contract
Recreation Supervisor Hiring
Nordic Ridge Park Solar Panel Grant
Mandt Park Project
Mandt Park Pickleball Court

Adjournment

Motion made by Lisa Reeves, seconded by Matt Bartlett at 7:35 pm. Motion passed 4-0.