

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 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: Alderperson Tom Majewski

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:47 pm.

2. Approval of the Minutes from June 19, 2018

Duranczyk made a request that the CIP portion of the minutes be updated to reflect the discussion about priorities and whitewater park project items.

Motion to approve with the CIP item portion of the minutes amended by Hirsch and seconded by Caravello. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Communications

Pickleball Court Construction Update:

Glynn shared that he was working with Director Hebert and the engineer to remedy the drainage issue at the pickleball court. A six inch corrugated pipe was installed by the contractor and Public Works graded the area to make that area of the park drier. The committee was concerned with the time and resources needed on the City's end for this project.

Whitewater Park Update:

Glynn shared that he was working with steering committee members about their availability to get the meetings scheduled. Glynn also shared that he was meeting with UW Extension about business planning and that there was a draft of the economic impact study.

Yahara River Trail Update:

Glynn shared that Jim Wilcox from Rivers and Trails Taskforce was helping to get cost estimates for different elements of the project. The Rivers and Trails Taskforce was hopeful that if the project was split up that it could still get completed in 2018.

Troll Beach, Recreation, and Youth Center Update:

Glynn shared that Troll Beach had 6,500 visits in June which was high considering the number of closed days due to rain. Wiessinger shared that the swim lessons at the high school were often booked and not at great times. That it may make sense to offer them at Troll Beach in the future. Glynn said that he would check with the pool manager at the high school to see if offering swim lessons at Troll Beach would create a conflict. Glynn shared that the Youth Center had 2,900 visits during the first half of the year. That the Youth Center Manager may have an issue with staffing due to both of his assistant starting new jobs and they are working night shifts.

Old Business

4. Fair Contract (Discussion & Possible Action)

Mayor Swadley gave an update about the recent meeting with the Fair Board. He relayed that the Fair Board is still concerned with the language in the new contract and he was unsure if they were going to sign it before the end of August. He also shared with the Fair that the City is going to have a master plan done on Mandt Park and that they would be included as a stakeholder group.

5. Future CIP Items (Discussion)

Duranczyk directed Glynn to ungroup the Mandt Park Master Plan, and the Soil Sediment Sampling items from the Whitewater Park Engineering phases in the CIP. These changes should provide clarity for alderpersons not on the committee. Duranczyk also asked to have the true

costs of the projects listed with potential grants. Glynn said he would work with Director Friedl to make it clearer. The Committee and Glynn discussed the different funding mechanisms for the projects including impact fees and grants.

6. Park & Open Space Plan Survey Questions

The Committee and Glynn discussed the survey questions. Minor changes were made including corrections to typographical errors. Alderperson Majewski asked if there was a question about swimming facilities and Glynn shared that there was a question towards the end of the survey that asked about new facility options. The Committee discussed issues about geese control and adding a question about it.

7. Future Agenda Items

Yahara River Trail
Park & Open Space Plan
Pickleball Court
Whitewater Park
Bike Route Signs
Operational Budget

Adjournment

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