

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
JOINT PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 26, 2020
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street
5:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Joint Park and Recreation Committee / Board was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairperson Hayes in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call: Members present were Ald. Hayes, Ald. Bacon, Ald. Nault, Marilyn Kleist, Chris Larson, Randy Morrow and Jay Renstrom. George Husby was absent. Also present was City Administrator Josh VanLieshout, and Municipal Services Director Mike Barker.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Ald. Nault to adopt the following agenda, seconded by Jay Renstrom. Mr. Hayes made a motion to change the wording of item 5 to Consideration on allowing planning and fund raising efforts to proceed and the city accepting the proposed features as a donation.

1. Roll call
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Public comment on agenda and non-agenda items
4. Presentation from Russel Stubbles on Monarch City USA. Discussion on becoming a "Monarch City".
5. Presentation from Troy Smith, Ashley Schanock, and Barbra Pfeifer on a proposed play area and water feature at Sawyer Park. Consideration on allowing planning and fund raising efforts to proceed and the City accepting the proposed features as a donation.
6. Discussion of the Ice Age Trail Committee's goals and progress.
7. Directors Report
8. Update from the Chairman
9. Adjourn

All in Favor. Carried.

Public Comment: Jay Renstrom 34 Bluebird Dr. Sturgeon Bay, Steve LaLuzerne 609 W. Spruce Dr. Sturgeon Bay.

After adoption of agenda, it was noticed that Russel Stubbles was not on our Zoom meeting so we proceeded with the #5 on the agenda.

Presentation from Troy Smith, Ashley Schanock, and Barbra Pfeifer on the proposed play area and water feature at Sawyer Park.

Barbra Pfeifer was not able to attend but Briana from MNWI Play joined in. Troy handed out three copies of his presentation and displayed samples of possible play equipment and said that he could also share any of the files electronically. Spoke of how the equipment could be made more or less inclusive, that could be decided as the project is in progress. Mentioned that the equipment of the water feature in the concept would use 184 GPM of water. Mr. Morrow expressed concerns of the location of the proposed location with the intersection not being a pedestrian friendly area. Mr. Nault expressed concerns of the area with parking in the lot, safety of children in the lot where large trucks and trailers often back through. He also brought up how the park was paid for largely through grants from the State of WI, this program collects funds through boat and fishing tackle sales and the funds generated there are used to maintain the park. Ms. Bacon discussed limited parking and that fencing around the features could be used as an added safety measure. Mr. Renstrom said he liked the idea but not the location. Ms. Kleist said that she liked concept but not location. Mike Barker mentioned how full the parking lot gets during the nice weather, it is a combination of fishermen, boaters, and vehicles from people renting the pavilion. He also mentioned safety concerns with an attraction for children and the backing of trailers in the parking lot. Mr. Hayes expressed his appreciation to Ashley and all others involved and said that parking is a problem throughout the City and that the City should address that issue. Josh VanLieshout spoke about options to the location. He requested a follow-up meeting with the Ashley Schanock,

Mr. Hayes, Mike Barker and himself to discuss options and expected operating costs. He also thanked Ashley for offering her time and effort on this project.

Consideration of allowing planning and fund raising efforts to proceed and the City accepting the proposed features as a donation. Mr. Hayes made a motion "Allow planning and fund raising efforts to precede on proposed play area and water feature" with the condition that the Committee Chair, Municipal Services Director and City Administrator meet with Ashley Schanock and Barbra Pfeifer to discuss fundraising and location". 2nd by Mr. Morrow. All in favor. Carried.

Presentation from Russel (Russ)Stubbles on Monarch City USA. Discussion on becoming a "Monarch City".

Russ discussed that Monarch City does not sell seeds, they sell signs. Expressed that everyone likes to help the environment. With funds generated from selling signs they provide opportunities to kids by sending them to butterfly rooms and give seeds as donations. Mentioned that local garden groups are a good help with planting areas to attract the monarchs. Mr. Hayes asked if someone checks on the signs to see if a city has them displayed? Russ said that they take the city's word on the signs. Mr. Hayes asked if a resolution was required to become a Monarch City? Russ stated that it would be nice but not required or checked on. Ms. Bacon mentioned that Crossroads may be a good place to spearhead the action. Mr. Hayes asked if someone could buy a membership and donate it to the City? Russ said that it is not typical but it would be fine. Mr. Hayes asked Ms. Bacon to reach out to Crossroads and Destination Sturgeon Bay.

Discussion of the Ice Age Trail Committee's goals and progress.

Mr. Nault gave a list of the members of the newly established Ice Age Trail Committee. He spoke about the committee's goals of being designated as the easterly end Trail Community. The Common Council approved supporting the committee's interest in becoming a Trail Community and agreed to provide the one-time \$2,500 application fee. Mr. Hayes stated that this \$2,500 needs to get into the 2021 budget and it should be written into the parks plan that is being updated.

Directors Report: Mike Barker stated: The swim buoys are installed at both beaches, they seem to be working to deter boats away from the beach. He had not received any calls since they were installed. Bids for Bay View Park shoreline protection were opened last week and approved by Finance Committee the day prior, winning bid amount was \$112,755. The engineering and design phase for the Otumba Park beach and walkway have begun, our hope is to have bids out this fall. The ADA accessible picnic tables are installed on the south side of Graham Park and the landscaping has been updated, several people have been using them. He mentioned that we are in the middle of another nationally televised bass tournament; these fishermen have been complimenting on how nice the Sawyer Park facility is and thanking us for the venue. He mentioned as of that afternoon all seasonal employees have departed for the year and told the committee if they would like to volunteer their time to help mow some grass to give him a call. He is also still working on the 5 year park plan updates.

Chairman's Report: Ald. Hayes discussed: He has resigned and that his last Common Council meeting in Sept will be his last council meeting. He will still be here for our next meeting. He is unsure of how the Mayor will fill his seat as the Chariman.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 @ 5:30 PM - City Hall

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Nault, seconded by Ms. Bacon All in favor. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Barker
Director of Municipal Services