

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
JOINT PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 28, 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 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Bacon in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

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

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Ald. Nault to adopt the following agenda, seconded by Jay Renstrom

1. Roll call
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Public Comment on agenda and non-agenda items
4. Approval of minutes from August 26, 2020 meeting.
5. Chairs report
6. Consideration of land swap at Otumba Park with Claire Morkin
7. Review of recommended updates to parks for the 5 Year Parks Plan
8. Consideration to approve the Graham Park Artistic Foundation installation, including appropriateness of the art piece and the location of the art work.
9. Directors Report
10. Adjourn

Mr. Morrow asked if approval of prior meeting minutes would remain on the agenda. Ald. Bacon said that it would remain on the agendas in the future.
All in Favor. Carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes from August 26, 2020 meeting.

Ald. Nault moved to approve minutes. Mr. Renstrom seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Morrow mentioned that mentioning of the engineering and design of Otumba Park was missing. (They have been updated.)

All in Favor. Carried

Chairs Report:

Ald. Bacon announced that she is the new Chair for the committee and Ald. Nault is the Vice Chair. Her intentions are to have meetings that are focused on the agenda and remain focused on sticking to it. Her intentions are to look years ahead and focus on completing some of the items in the Sunset Park Master Plan. She spoke about the progress of the shoreline restoration in Sunset and Bay View Parks. She spoke of the newly revived Arts Board and spoke of how they are an advisory board to the Parks and Recreation Board and Committee.

Consideration of land swap at Otumba Park with Claire Morkin

Ms. Morkin spoke on the topic. She mentioned the unusual and non-conforming lot line that her property has and that she would like to make her lot lines more squared. She stated that it would require a land swap with the City to achieve this. She is not looking to gain anything, only swap. She stated that this would make a fence around her lawn look much nicer and not come down to a point near the tennis courts.

Mike Barker mentioned that there is nothing for the City to gain or lose in the proposed swap and that he would support the swap. Ald. Nault mentioned that if the City paid for half of the survey work it may set a precedence that the City would do this although they had nothing to gain. Mr. Olejniczak spoke of property line setbacks. Also that Ms. Morkin has a non-conforming lot and this swap should correct that issue. Mr. VanLieshout

mentioned that this should be a 1 for 1 swap so it is fair for both parties. Mr. Larsen mentioned that it would benefit the City due to the redistribution of land would have Ms. Morkin assume the ownership of a couple large maple trees. He noted that the City would no longer be responsible for their maintenance. Ald. Nault asked if we should recommend not paying for this since the City does not gain anything from it. Mr. VanLieshout said that the funding should be handled by the Common Council. Mr. Renstrom stated that if Ms. Morkin installed a fence it could help with the noise issues that she has brought up at prior meetings.

Mr. Renstrom moved to approve the land swap as requested by Claire Morkin. Ald. Nault seconded.
All in Favor. Carried

Review of recommended updates to parks for the 5 Year Parks Plan

Mike Barker stated that the meetings we had over the past several months were captured and the recommended changes have been updated. He wanted to go through the list to make sure nothing was missed since there were so many ideas in a very short period of time. Ms. Kleist brought up that the Ice Aged Trail and Trail Head should be in the list. Mr. Morrow mentioned that something needs to be added for Sunset Park to improve the basketball court and the southernmost tennis courts. The standing water over the summer was often on the basketball court. He also mentioned that the beach and walkway improvements should be added to Otumba Park. Ald. Bacon discussed the activity at the Westside Waterfront. She stated that we needed to add "Finish Promenade" to the list. Mr. Morrow mentioned that we should try to stick to the plan that the West Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee developed. He also said that we should try to maximize the use of the space as a park, begin creating a name for the park and finalize the design as soon as there is a development agreement and accepted design. Ald. Nault mentioned that we should go over this again at the next meeting. Mike Barker mentioned that if anyone had questions about the list to contact him prior to the next meeting.

Consideration to approve the Graham Park Artistic Foundation installation, including appropriateness of the art piece and the location of the art work.

Ald. Bacon gave a description of the art work and said that the dimensions on the artistic rendering of the piece may not be exactly correct. She stated that the drawings provided are the only thing we have to base our decisions on. She also stated that there were lights on it that will shine up against it at night. Mr. Morrow asked if there were any restrictions on the lighting where it may be a problem. He said that he liked the design. Mike Barker mentioned that he thought it was appropriate for the location since the sail clubs frequent that location. Ald. Nault said that he liked it and thought it would be a nice fit in that location. Mr. Renstrom said that it was nice for that location.

Mr. Morrow moved to approve Graham Park Artistic Foundation art piece. Mr. Renstrom seconded.
All in Favor. Carried

Directors Report: Mike Barker stated: The tree planting was completed at Woods West Park by Chris Larson and others and that the Parks Department will finish mulching. He mentioned that the office has been short staffed and that the doors have been closed. He is hopeful that the vacant assistant position will be filled prior to the next meeting. He mentioned that the parks restrooms are being closed due to the cold temperatures. None of the buildings are heated and he does not want to have expensive damage by trying to keep them open for a few more days.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 @ 4:30 PM - City Hall

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Nault, seconded by Ms. Kleist All in favor. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Barker
Director of Municipal Services