

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE / BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street
5:30 P.M.

A meeting of the Joint Parks and Recreation Committee / Board was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairperson/Ald. Helen Bacon in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call: Members present were Ald. Bacon, Ald. Gary Nault, Chris Larsen, Randy Morrow, Marilyn Kleist, George Husby, Jay Renstrom and Director of Municipal Services, Mike Barker. Ald. J. Spencer Gustafson participated virtually via Zoom. Also present, City Administrator, Josh VanLieshout and Municipal Services Secretary, Patty Quinn.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Ald. Nault and seconded by Mr. Morrow to adopt the agenda.

1. Roll call
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Review of Minutes from January 27, 2021
4. Public Comment on Agenda Items
5. Discussion and review of Minutes from the Local Arts Board Meeting of January 27, 2021
6. Consideration of approval of the Otumba Beach Plan
7. Discussion on renovating the Sunset Park Pavilion
8. Discussion on introducing the Woolly Mammoth art project to the Joint Parks and Recreation Committee / Board
9. Director's Report
10. Adjourn

All in favor. Carried.

Review of Minutes from January 27, 2021: Minutes stand.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Discussion and review of Minutes from the Local Arts Board Meeting of January 27, 2021: Ald. Bacon explained the change in future Local Arts Board Meetings from the 4th Wednesday of each month, to the 2nd Wednesday. This will allow agenda items being considered in the Local Arts Board meetings to flow more quickly into the Parks and Recreation meetings.

Consideration of approval of the Otumba Beach Plan: Director Barker detailed out the planned improvements for the beach area. Main aspects included doubling the size of the beach; addition of a wall to help curb erosion and the blowing of sand; updating picnic areas, as well as putting in a kayak launch. The bid will be out in 2 to 3 weeks with project completion by July 4th, 2021. Safety was discussed and several members spoke on the need for smooth sidewalks for visitors in wheelchairs or those using walkers; the removal of the beach grass; and adding signage that kayak launch area is for kayaks only.

Moved by Mr. Morrow and seconded by Ald. Nault to recommend to Common Council to approve the Otumba Beach Plan.

All in favor. Carried.

Discussion on renovating the Sunset Park Pavilion: Director Barker laid out the improvements that he feels will bring pavilion up to date such as adding cultural stone to exterior walls; installing clear garage door panels that can be left down to help protect the inside area of the pavilion or left open for more ventilation; a metal roof installation; and add a concrete patio area on the side with a large grill, similar to Otumba. He will be getting a rendering of what the pavilion would look like after renovations which would help in getting donations for the renovation. The project would ideally be completed this summer but be included in 2022's budget.

Discussion on introducing the Woolly Mammoth art project to the Joint Parks and Recreation Committee/Board: Ald. Bacon told the members that Beth Renstrom had brought detailed information to the Local Arts Board meeting in January, 2021. She also spoke on the possible locations the Woolly Mammoth could be placed and on any fundraising that could be done. She would like to bring Ms. Renstrom to the next Parks and Rec meeting. The committee/board raised various questions as to size, costs, placement, and they talked about the other organizations that may possibly participate. Ald. Bacon also described the evaluation process recently put into place by the City Administrator.

Director's Report: Director Barker has trees ordered and will be working on the gradual replacement of certain fruit trees in the City, and he spoke on the possibility of placing a grape arbor near City Hall. He would also like to get involved in the SBHS' sustainable foods/plants program. Other items discussed included getting grants through the DNR to add 2 more kayak launches but grants are in a "matching" program and this would have to into 2022's budget. Bids to demolish a house near Otumba Park and one on Egg Harbor are opening March 9th, 2021 and he will be adding 12 parking spaces at Otumba Park once the structure near the park is removed. He also reported on the ice rink – it is officially done for the season.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M. – City Hall.

Motion by Mr. Renstrom and seconded by Mr. Larsen to adjourn. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Quinn
Municipal Services Secretary