

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE / BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 25, 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 5:33 P.M. by Chairperson/Ald. Helen Bacon, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call: Members present were Chris Larson, Randy Morrow, Marilyn Kleist, George Husby, Jay Renstrom and Director of Municipal Services, Mike Barker. Excused absences: Ald. Gary Nault. Absent was Ald. J. Spencer Gustafson. Also present were City Administrator Josh VanLieshout and Municipal Services Secretary, Patty Quinn.

Adoption of the Agenda: A motion was made by Mr. Renstrom and seconded by Mr. Larsen to adopt the agenda after placing Agenda item #8 in front of item #5.

1. Roll call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Review of Minutes of June 23, 2021
4. Public Comment on Agenda Items
5. Discussion and presentation from Julie Hein for an update on the bait and ice vending machines at Sawyer Park
6. Discussion and review of Minutes from the Local Arts Board Meetings of July 14, 2021, and August 11, 2021
7. Recommendation to approve the proposed revisions to the Local Arts Board's organizational ordinance as approved by the Local Arts Board at their meeting on July 14, 2021 and forward to Common Council
8. Discussion and update on the Woolly Mammoth art sculpture project
9. Discussion on the Sunset Park tennis courts on cleaning, wind nets and lighting
10. Director's report
11. Adjourn

All in favor. Carried.

Review of Minutes of June 23, 2021: Motion made by Mr. Larsen and seconded by Mr. Renstrom to let minutes stand.

All in favor. Carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Discussion and update on the Woolly Mammoth art sculpture project: Dave and Chris Kellems, 120 Alabama Street, were present to provide update. They distributed to each a small folded map labeled "Walkable Sturgeon Bay" that included a layout of the Ice Age Trail in the City, and a small inserted picture of Woolly Mammoth.

Per Ms. Kellems, work has started on the pedestal at Bay View Park where Woolly will be installed and she reported that only the City is \$59 short of the goal to purchase the sculpture. There has been 10 corporate sponsors and individuals who have donated \$1,000 or more and their names will eventually be

placed on a bronze plaque. Monies will have to be donated to cover the plaque's cost. All that is left to do is to schedule a date for the transfer of the sculpture from Edgewood Orchard Gallery to the City, as well as picking a date to celebrate the installation with city officials.

Mr. Barker gave an update on the location for Woolly – stone is now there and site will be filled in by the end of the week if weather permits. Plants could be put in as early as the middle of next week and it will be ready for the transfer shortly after that. Questions raised about current signage for Bay View Park that is being replaced, and the possible erection of a smaller sign closer to the park itself. Other questions arose about an Ice Age Trail kiosk and Mr. Barker indicated that this is something that the City crew may be able to build that would eventually include info about the Woolly Mammoth sculpture and its acquisition.

Discussion and presentation from Julie Hein for an update on the bait and ice vending machines at Sawyer Park: Ms. Hein was not able to attend this meeting and this agenda item to be placed on September's agenda.

Discussion and review of Minutes from the Local Arts Board Meetings of July 14, 2021, and August 11, 2021: Ald. Bacon reported that the Local Arts Board is working on promoting the City's creative district. She, also, gave an update on discussions about the Celestial Sailor metal art sculpture.

Recommendation to approve the proposed revisions to the Local Arts Board's organizational ordinance as approved by the Local Arts Board at their meeting on July 14, 2021, and forward to Common Council: Ald. Bacon spoke on the executive summary and pointed out the original document and the new document. She provided background on the need to update the ordinance.

Mr. Morrow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larsen, to approve the proposed revisions to the Local Arts Board's organizational ordinance as approved by the Local Arts Board at their meeting on July 14, 2021, and forward to Common Council.

All in favor. Carried.

Discussion on the Sunset Park tennis courts on cleaning, wind nets and lighting: Mr. Morrow shared comments that tennis courts appear to have been abandoned and asked how the committee can get monies budgeted for ongoing cleaning of the courts and additional lighting. Per Mr. Barker, the tennis courts had just been cleaned but the outcome was not as good as he had hoped for. He indicated that hydro-blasting is what is needed but it could harm the surface. Otumba Park courts were cleaned by volunteers and he stated that it went well and might be an option for Sunset Park. Lighting a big expense as the existing poles could not be used. The budget was tight this year but he was able to install fences. Wind nets could possibly be budgeted for next year. Mr. Morrow spoke on the basketball court at Sunset Park and felt it abandoned, as well and that the tennis and basketball courts being in the middle of what's available there offers problems. He suggested a wind net, at least, to keep basketballs in check and out of the tennis courts. Mr. Barker stated that the budget couldn't cover all the needed repairs in one year.

Ald. Bacon advised the committee/board that she will report back what will be in the budget for parks in 2022, as soon as the information is available and hopes that having that kind of data will help members answer questions from City residents. She reminded all that they should keep track of needed items and/or complaints for the upcoming meeting in November for the discussion on City parks in general.

Director's report: Director Barker updated the committee/board on the following items: A plan is being laid out to redo the shoreline between the Bridgeport Resort to Otumba Park and this will go out for bids the following week. Seasonal staff is down to just one person and the City was short four employees overall in 2021 and that he had to pull personnel to help with water weed disposal. He was asked to

describe the restrictions on truck driving as it relates to the age of the drivers. He reported that 2021 was one of the worst years for water weed growth and the year resulted in a higher number of truckloads of weeds from just 8 in the month of June in 2020 to over 100 in 2021.

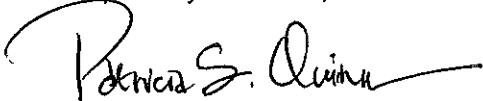
Other questions and comments included if other schools pay to use Memorial Field; provide more benches at Bay View Park similar to Graham Park; shingles coming off of the Sunset Park shelter; and comments about stairways in front of the Maritime Museum.

Administrator VanLieshout spoke on the success of the Otumba Park grand opening and reiterated the need to celebrate these projects.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M. – City Hall.

Motion by Mr. Renstrom and seconded by Mr. Husby to adjourn. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia S. Quinn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patricia S. Quinn
Municipal Services Secretary