



AGENDA
CITY OF STURGEON BAY
JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE / BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street
5:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda.
3. Review of Minutes from December 21, 2023
4. Review of Local Arts Board Minutes from January 11, 2023
5. Public Comment on Agenda Items.
6. Consideration of Ice Age Trail sign location at Cherry Blossom Park.
7. Mark Holey presentation on fishing tournaments during the spawn.
8. Consideration of Change to Fishing Tournament Rules.
9. Chair's report
10. Director's report
11. Adjourn

NOTE: DEVIATION FROM THE AGENDA ORDER SHOWN MAY OCCUR

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Common Council may be present at this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. If a quorum of the Common Council does attend, this may constitute a meeting of the Common Council and is noticed as such, although the Common Council will not take any formal action at this meeting.

Notice is hereby given that if a quorum of one of the committees is not present, the committee with a quorum may meet and act upon the agenda subjects.

POSTED
Time: 2:45 pm
Date: 2-17-2023
By: CRD.

Park and Recreation Committee / Board Members:

Helen Bacon, Chair
Gary Nault, Vice Chair
Spencer Gustafson
Chris Larsen
Randy Morrow
Jay Renstrom
Debbie Kiedrowski
Thomas Hemminger
Mike Barker

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE / BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 21, 2022
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street
5:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Joint Parks and Recreation Committee / Board was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Chairperson/Ald. Bacon in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call [1]: Members present were Chair/Ald. Helen Bacon, Ald. Gary Nault, Ald. Spencer Gustafson, Randy Morrow, Chris Larson, Debbie Kiedrowski, Jay Renstrom, and Thomas Hemminger. Municipal Services Director Mike Barker was excused. Also in attendance was City Administrator Josh VanLieshout and Administrative Assistant Suzanne Miller.

Adoption of the Agenda [2]: Motion was made by Nault and seconded by Larsen to adopt the following agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Review of Minutes from October 26, 2022
4. Review of Local Arts Board Minutes from September 14, 2022
5. Public Comment on Agenda Items
6. Consideration of allowing Door Drifters usage of the Ahnapee Trail extension through Cherry Blossom Park
7. Consideration of "Horizon" sculpture placement at Sunset Park
8. Chair's report
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Review of Minutes from October 26, 2022 [3]: Regarding the consideration of raising boat launch fees, Nault emphasized he was in favor of raising the boat launch fees (agenda item #6), but not in favor of the proposed increase in launch fees for commercial boats. He emphasized his vote was not in favor of the first motion to approve the fee increase with the daily rate of \$10 instead of \$8, nor did he vote in favor of the second motion to approve the increase as submitted in the executive summary. There were no other comments or changes.

Review of Minutes from the Local Arts Board meeting on September, 14, 2022 [4]: No comments or changes.

Public Comment on Agenda Items [5]: No comment.

Consideration of allowing Sturgeon Bay Door Drifters Snowmobile Club usage of the Ahnapee Trail extension through Cherry Blossom Park [6]: The Committee/Board discussed the following:

- Concerns regarding snowmobile use of the trail extension included safety of children, walkers, cross-country skiers, and snowshoers who share the trail because it now runs along the edge of the park rather than across the open field as it did in the past. The section of the trail extension that runs along Cherry Blossom Park is ≈2 blocks long.
- The trail extension is part of the larger WI DNR Ahnapee Trail System and the trail website clearly states snowmobiles are allowed on the Ahnapee Trail.
- Understanding the trail is a WI State trail, concerned neighbors have backed down a bit and are now requesting additional signage. Some members have heard no concerns from residents

- Questions were raised regarding the level of usage of the trail extension and the frequency with which snowmobiles and skiers/snowshoers are sharing the trail. Morrow stated “a couple hundred sleds” use the trail per season. The number of cross-country skiers is few, though skiers do like to use snowmobile trails.
- The Board/Committee questioned what the speed limit for snowmobiles on the trail extension would be.

Rob Tess of 735 Georgia Street addressed the Board speaking on behalf of Sturgeon Bay’s Door Drifters Snowmobile Club. He presented the following information:

- They did not have landowners who were agreeable to their property being used to allow the snowmobile trail to move more to the west side of the park to avoid children, walkers, skiers, and snowshoers. Therefore, the trail was routed through the Ahnapee Trail Extension.
- The Club is willing to add signage to get snowmobilers to slow down.
- Because the snowmobile trail on Ahnapee Trail extension is in Cherry Blossom Park, the club is willing to erect snow fencing to prevent snowmobiles from veering into the park.
- The DNR monitors snowmobile trails and users for sound.
- During the 2021-2022 season, the trails were open for 3 weeks.
- There are more walkers on the trail in Cherry Blossom Park as skiers prefer the state park trails.
- As there is a 90° turn in a short space in Cherry Blossom Park that prevents much of a speed issue and plenty of width for users to move out of each other’s way.

Motion to approve allowing Sturgeon Bay’s Door Drifters Snowmobile Club usage of the Ahnapee Trail extension through Cherry Blossom Park at the correct speed limits made by Renstrom and seconded by Morrow. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of “Horizon” sculpture placement at Sunset Park [7]: Chair Bacon reported the Local Arts Board is working toward having a sculpture walk that would encompass both East and West waterfront promenades, downtowns, and area parks. It is planned for the sculpture walk to be publicized by Destination Sturgeon Bay. An art piece, “Horizon” is offered as a loaned piece for up to three (3)-years by artist Nathan Hatch for placement along the sculpture walk. Hatch describes the piece as representing the Niagara Escarpment, with the flat/straight section being the horizon, the circular piece represents the sun/moon, and the craggy under section representing the escarpment itself. The large piece has no sharp edges or safety concerns and the artist feels it would be best displayed raised up from ground level and with the water as a background. The artist and gallery (Edgewood Orchard) will deliver the piece and assist Public Works with installation. Along the waterfront at Sunset Park is the suggested location as the piece can be viewed from a distance and up close there. The sculpture is priced at \$15,000. If accepted, artist Hatch will receive a stipend of \$750.00. Of concern is the cost of preparing the display site, which would be performed and paid for by Municipal Services. The Board discussed the following:

- The jetty near the beach and boat launch was suggested as a display site, as was the star shaped planter.
- It was suggested the issue of a call for artists at the end of the loan period will keep the display site filled. Concern was raised as to whether it will be more difficult to swap out art pieces for a large sculpture pad in Sunset Park vs. the display space at Stone Harbor.
- Is this board being asked to consider both acceptance of the art piece on loan and identify the site in this meeting? Concern was raised as to whether the artist should be allowed to decide location of display site. Parks and Recreation Board should be the decision maker regarding where anything is located in any City park.
- City Administrator VanLieshout stated the gems of Sunset Park are the sunset and the view of the bluff across the bay. He stated placing a piece that would obstruct that view is a mistake and the piece would be better situated on the landward part of the path that runs north and south in the park.
- Nault reported he had spoken to some constituents about the piece. He raised concerns as follows: 1. Who can put “art” on City property? 2. Who provides insurance for the pieces? 3. Who pays for the display site construction and removes the art piece at the end of the loan period? 4. Is the City’s sculpture

placement effort fair to other types of artists? 5. His discomfort that this Board is making the decision as to what people in the community want in public art.

- Chair Bacon explained the Local Arts Board's process for evaluating and selecting artists and art pieces and reported Mike Barker will be meeting with the artist. Due to weather/frozen ground, the art piece cannot be placed until spring.
- Regarding safety, there have been no problems thus far with people climbing on "Woolly" or "Crosswind Approach".

Motion by Gustafson to accept Nathan Hatch's sculpture as a loaned piece for a period of not less than two (2)-years with the contingency that the exact location of the display site be approved by the Joint Parks and Recreation Board/Committee. Second by Morrow. Vote on the motion resulted in seven (7) in favor and Nault opposed. Motion carried.

Chair's Report [8]: Chair Bacon reported Wisconsin Sea Grant released their video about their 50th Anniversary Mural. The mural is installed on the front of Sturgeon Bay's City Hall. The video will be emailed to the Board members and posted on the City's Facebook page. Morrow questioned when the "weigh on the water" issue would be back on the agenda. Bacon responded it will be necessary to consult Municipal Services Director Barker in order to know when that discussion will occur.

Director's Report [9]: No Director's Report due to Municipal Services Director Barker's excused absence.

Adjourn [10]: Motion to adjourn by Gustafson, second by Renstrom. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm.



CITY OF STURGEON BAY
LOCAL ARTS BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 11th, 2022, 9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street

A meeting of the Local Arts Board was called to order at 09:12AM., by Chairperson/Alder Helen Bacon in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call [1]: Members present were Alder Helen Bacon, Claire Morkin, Stephanie Trenchard and Margaret Lockwood. melaniejane was excused. City Administrative Assistant Suzanne Miller was also in attendance.

Adoption of the Agenda [2]: Moved by Trenchard and seconded by Lockwood to adopt the following agenda.

1. Roll Call.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Review of Minutes from December 14th, 2022
4. Public comment on agenda items.
5. Chair's report.
6. Consideration of accepting donation of sturgeon sculptures from Destination Sturgeon Bay
7. Discussion of coordination/design of Sculpture walk.
8. Discussion of Local Arts Board page on City's website.
9. Adjourn.

All in favor. Carried.

Review of Minutes from December 14th, 2022 [3]: No corrections or changes were requested.

Public comment on agenda items [4]: No public comments.

Chair's report [5]: Chair Bacon spoke on the following items: 1) Believes the Board needs to direct focus on the written and spoken word. Shared the 2023 Door County Library's Big Read is *Raft of Stars* by A. J. Graff and stated the program is a plus in the community. 2) Announced she, Moira Harrington (Wisconsin Sea Grant), and artist William Plautus met via Zoom to discuss the Ploetz's submission for the WI Sea Grant 50th Anniversary Mural call for artists. Plautus and Harrington will be coming to Sturgeon Bay to meet in person and tour potential sites for installation. 3) The Recommendation to accept Nathan Hatch's sculpture *Horizon* on loan was considered by the Joint Parks and Recreation Board/Committee at their December meeting. Though the piece was too abstract for some members, the Board voted to accept the piece with one member voting against. Parks and Recreation Board/Committee wishes to approve placement. Local Arts Board discussed the importance of involving the artist in placement decisions. Nathan Hatch and Barker will meet to discuss placement 4) Regarding artist Steven Haas's sculpture *Crosswind Approach*, whose loan period ends in 2023, there are questions that must be addressed such as will the piece be purchased and if so will it be moved as the current site was meant for a rotation of art pieces. Board member melaniejane will be speaking Michelle White (artist's daughter/ Green Bay, WI) regarding the status of the possibility it may purchased for donation to the City.

Consideration of accepting donation of sturgeon sculptures from Destination Sturgeon Bay [6]: Discussion among Board members included 1) it is unknown as to how long the sculptures will last when installed out of doors 2) placement of the two pieces in relation to each other and the site must be carefully considered 3) The pieces need sealing/polyurethane and some repair. It may be possible for Municipal Services to perform this work. 4) Displaying the pieces rather than leaving them in storage is respectful of the community supported event through which they were created, Destination Sturgeon Bay, the sponsor, and the artist. The Board also discussed possible locations for

installation of the pieces: 1) Fish hatchery area near Bradley Lake in Sunset Park 2) on or near the grassy mounds on the West Waterfront Promenade near Locust Street. The Board expressed their desire to be invited if there is a meeting regarding placement of the sculptures. Motion to accept the donation of two sturgeon sculptures from Destination Sturgeon Bay was made by Lockwood with second by Trenchard.

Discussion of coordination/design of Sculpture walk [7]: Chair Bacon reported Destination Sturgeon Bay states their #1 request is for walking tours/maps and states there is a possibility for them to obtain a Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) Grant to finance development of such tours. Also, Bacon again described Jacob Janssen's (Third Avenue Playworks) interest in developing audio to tell stories about the art pieces/narrate the walk. The Board discussed developing walks focused on 1) Historic Sturgeon Bay 2) Third Avenue 3) Sculpture 4) Public Art and 5) Murals. It was decided a meeting involving Destination Sturgeon Bay, Third Avenue Playworks, Door County Maritime Museum, Door County Historical Society, Miller Art Museum, and representatives of the Local Arts Board should be scheduled to start the planning. Bacon will contact the different entities and schedule a meeting.

Discussion of Local Arts Board page on City's website [8]: Item postponed until board member melaniejane is able to attend the meeting.

Motion to adjourn [9]: by Trenchard with second by Morkin. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00A.M.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 8th @ 09:00 A.M. – Council Chambers, City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Miller



City of Sturgeon Bay Fishing Tournament Rules and Regulations

These rules and regulations have been established to protect our resources, ensure safety of competitors and park users, and to provide ample access for all facility users.

Definition:

Any event held at a City facility in which caught fish are scored, weighed, tabulated or calculated on site, and/or a prize of any kind (monetary - merchandise or recognition by plaque or trophy) is given to a person or persons, and use of the facility requires any arrangements above and beyond the normal function of the facility (tent construction, extra electricity, etc) shall be considered a fishing contest or tournament. This is independent of whether a DNR permit is required or not. Tournaments or outings with a minimum number of twenty (20) boats must also receive a permit from the City even if no special arrangements are required as described above. All contests or tournaments held at any City facility shall abide by rules set by the Park and Recreation Department of the City of Sturgeon Bay.

1. All individuals or groups wishing to hold a fishing tournament at a facility owned by the City of Sturgeon Bay must receive a permit from the DNR, (if required by DNR rules) and follow all DNR regulations (DNR, Sturgeon Bay office phone # (920) 746-2860.
2. All individuals or groups wishing to hold a fishing tournament at a facility owned by the City of Sturgeon Bay must receive the proper permits from the City of Sturgeon Bay and submit required insurance and indemnification, and pay all associated fees. Tournament officials must contact the Director of Municipal Services thirty (30) days prior to the tournament. Tournaments affecting the normal operations of the City facility as determined by the Superintendent may require approval by the Park & Recreation Committee.
3. Tournament officials are required to do a walkthrough of tournament activities with the Park & Recreation Superintendent or his representative during normal working hours (Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) a minimum of 24 hours prior to the tournament.
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7. Parking and weigh-in at no time shall hinder the public's use of the launch site.
8. Boats shall not congregate in the launch basin. Once a boat is launched it must depart the dock and move out into the open waters in a reasonable length of time.

9. Due to the timing of the smallmouth bass spawn "weigh on the water" format is encouraged between May 1st and June 30th. Scales are available at no cost through the Sturgeon Bay Bass Tournament, contact the City's Parks Department for a point of contact.

10. "Weigh on the water" format is encouraged for walleye tournaments prior to May 15th.

11. No permits for any tournament will be issued for the July 4th weekend (3 days). The weekend after the 4th of July holiday weekend, the last weekend in July and the 1st weekend in August.

Parking:

1. Parking for trucks and trailers shall be at the southernmost portion of the parking lot to reduce congestion in the main parking area.

2. If the tournament has more than 100 boats registered or expected to register and is during a weekend, the tournament director may be required to arrange for offsite parking or consider allowing boats to launch from other boat ramps.

3. Co-anglers shall park two vehicles per parking spot to reduce the number of spaces used or park off-site.

Weigh-ins:

The City of Sturgeon Bay strongly encourages the "weigh-on-water" format for fishing tournaments. If there are two different groups trying to have a tournament on the same date(s), priority will be given to one if they weigh on the water.

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PROPOSED