



AGENDA
CITY OF STURGEON BAY
JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE / BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street
5:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda.
3. Review of Minutes from February 22, 2023.
4. Review of Local Arts Board Minutes from March 08, 2023.
5. Discussion and gathering of public input for the revision of the City of Sturgeon Bay's Aquatic Weed Management Plan led by Onterra, LLC. After brief discussion, Onterra will go to Community Room for public input.
6. Public Comment on Agenda Items.
7. Consideration of accepting donation of an automated external defibrillator (AED) for seasonal usage at Sunset Park (Jay Renstrom).
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.

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Time: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

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 METING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
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, Debbie Kiedrowski, Jay Renstrom (via Zoom), Thomas Hemminger, and Municipal Services Director Mike Barker. Chris Larsen was absent. Also, in attendance was City Administrator Josh VanLieshout.

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

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Review of Minutes from December 21, 2022
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.
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Review of Minutes from October 26, 2022 [3]: No comments or changes

Review of Minutes from the Local Arts Board meeting on September, 14, 2022 [4]: No changes. Gustafson stated that he appreciates the work that the Local Arts Board is doing.

Public Comment on Agenda Items [5]:

1. J.J. Malvitz 8728 County C Sturgeon Bay, spoke on agenda item 8.
2. John Kolodziej 4511 Sherwood Pt. Rd. Sturgeon Bay, spoke on agenda item 8.

Consideration of Ice Age Trail sign location at Cherry Blossom Park [6]: Ald Reeths shared information regarding the donation and placement of the sign. She mentioned the following:

- It would be at no cost to the City
- It would be constructed of cedar.
- It will have information pertaining to the trail.
- There is a bench that is attached to one side of the sign.

During discussion it was asked to make sure that it would not be used to as an advertisement for businesses.

A motion was made to allow placement of the sign at Cherry Blossom Park and for the group who is donating the sign to work with the Director of Municipal Services on the exact placement by Renstrom, seconded by Kiedrowski. All in favor, carried

Mark Holey presentation on fishing tournaments during the spawn. [7]: Mark Holey gave a presentation on the fishing tournaments during the small mouth bass spawn. He mentioned the following:

- His education and work history.
- His presentation is unbiased and comes from facts gathered from documented research.
- He has participated in the Sturgeon Bay Bass Open and for the past few years he has served on the committee of the Sturgeon Bay Bass Tournament.
- He used an article in the Fisheries Magazine from the American Fisheries Society titled *On Improved Care of Black Bass During Live-Release Competitive Angling Events-Recent Innovations and Associated Research Needs*.
- There have improvements of how the fish are handled prior to released.
- No matter what type of tournament is held, there is still stress on the fish that are caught. However, the weigh on the water format has significantly less handling of the fish.
- Fish get stressed by handling, the more they are handled the more they are stressed.
- Immediately releasing fish in the water eliminates:
 - Stress involved of being crowded in a live well including the travel time back to the weight station.
 - The amount of time the fish is out of the water.
 - The fish being relocated to a different location away from their bed. 68% of bass do not return to the original bed.
- When most of the tournaments occur here, it is before peak spawning time, this is the pre-spawn. During this time, the bass are typically searching bedding sights or clearing out beds.
- On one of the research videos from Sawyer Harbor, it shows a bass caught off its bed. The bass was immediately released, but before the bass returned there were about a dozen bluegills and rock bass in the bed.
- Largemouth bass virus presence was confirmed in 2021 by the WI DNR. Although the DNR did not institute any changes they released guidance, the guidance recommended:
 - Fish not being held in live wells unless they were to be harvested.
 - Handling the bass as quickly and gently during its release.
- There is no conclusive evidence that tournaments have an impact on the fish population.
- If the City were to adopt this rule, there would not be quick results.
- During the tournaments when fish are handled several times, the fish may choose to not make a bed for spawning that year.
- The DNR typically does not get involved unless there was a clear population effect. This has happened in Detroit Harbor (Washington Island) and the Mink River Estuary.
- In 2024/25 there is a planned study that will remove bass from their beds, relocate them and see if they return to their beds. The results should be available in about 3-5 years.
- The peak of the spawn in this area is considered in early June however there is nesting and spawning that would occur prior to that.
- If a fish is held out of the water for a minute, their heart rate and metabolism is elevated for up to an hour. The longer they remain out of the water it would prolong the elevated state which could result in fish mortality.
- Handling mortality is exacerbated by temperature. A tournament in July or August could potentially be more detrimental to the fish population.
- The DNR increased the size limit to 14" to allow fish to grow more which allows them to be able to reproduce prior to being harvested.

Board members asked questions and continued discussion.

Consideration of change to Fishing Tournament Rules. [8]

Ald Bacon read the proposed changes to the rules. She mentioned Ald Nault could discuss the topic but he would recuse himself from voting. There was discussion on the topic of changing the rules. Renstrom made a motion to approve the proposed fishing rules with changes as outlined to begin January 2024. Hemminger seconded.

Barker made a motion to amend the recommendation for approving the proposed changes by changing number eight (8) of the proposed rules to “during the month of June” for bass tournaments instead of “prior to June 30th” Renstrom Seconded. Amendment carried, six ayes, one no (Morrow)

Original motion as amended was voted on, six ayes, one no (Ald Gustafson)

Chair’s Report [9]: Chair Bacon reported she met with an artist who applied for the mural competition. There is a possibility of him creating a mural for placement in a park, possibly on Sunset Park pavilion. There was a meeting with Steven Haas concerning his sculpture Crosswind Approach, they are attempting to raise money to purchase the piece for permanent placement in the City.

Director’s Report [10]: Mike Barker mentioned that the parks staff had removed all of the benches from the waterfront to give them a facelift, several have been reinstalled. Several parks and DPW staff were trained on pruning pear and apple trees since we have our own orchard and continue to plant fruiting trees in our parks system. Woods West Pear orchard has been pruned already. Gave up date on the Aquatic Plant Management Plan, contract was awarded and the first public input gathering meeting may be as soon as our next meeting.

Adjourn [10]: Motion to adjourn by Ald Gustafson, second by Kiedrowski. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
LOCAL ARTS BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 8th, 2023, 9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street

A meeting of the Local Arts Board was called to order at 09:03AM., by Chairperson/Alder Helen Bacon in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call [1]: Members present were Alder Helen Bacon, melaniejane, Stephanie Trenchard and Margaret Lockwood. Claire Morkin was excused. City Administrative Assistant Suzanne Miller and Planning/Zoning Administrator Stephanie Servia were 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 January 11, 2023
 4. Public comment on agenda items.
 5. Chair's report.
 6. Report on meeting with artist Steven Haas re: donation of Crosswind Approach and replacement piece for rotating art display space on East Waterfront Promenade.
 7. Discussion regarding Local Art Board webpage and specific content for Public Art section
 8. Adjourn.
- All in favor. Carried.

Review of Minutes from January 11th, 2023 [3]: Agenda item #5, Chair's report: 1. Change Michelle White to Michelle Winter 2. Change Winter's relationship to the artist from daughter to life partner.

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

Chair's report [5]: Chair Bacon:

- a. Introduced City Planning/Zoning Administrator to the Board members. Servia discussed her education, interest in the arts, and position with the City and how she may be able to assist the Board.
- b. Described artist William Plautus's visit to the city and tour of Sunset Park to consider locations for his mural (cartoon-like fish positioned in the ships that are wrecked near Bullhead Point) that is being sponsored by WI Sea Grant from the remainder of their 50th Anniversary Mural funds. The proposed plan is to mount the mural on the side of the shelter building to keep it from being blown over by the strong winds that come off the Bay.
- c. Announced the volunteers for the "Walkable Sturgeon Bay" planning group. They are group leader Cameryn Ehlers-Kwaterski (Destination Sturgeon Bay), Helen Bacon (City Local Arts Board), Steven Rice (Door County Library), Dennis Statz (City Alderman/involved with historic districts), Jacob Janssen (Third Avenue Playworks), and Marie Kimball (Miller Art Museum). Ehlers-Kwaterski is investigating the possibility of obtaining a Joint Effort Marketing Grant through a WI state program for funding for the project.

Report on meeting with artist Steven Haas re: donation of *Crosswind Approach* and replacement piece for rotating art display space on East Waterfront Promenade. [6]: Artist Haas has offered to extend the loan agreement for *Crosswind Approach* so as to keep it in its current location on the East Waterfront Promenade until the funds are raised to purchase it and a permanent placement in the city is found. It was discussed that the fundraising letter make clear that *Crosswind Approach* will be moving to a new, permanent location (perhaps in Sunset Park, perhaps in the Steel Bridge Creative District). The Board did not have a preference as to whether the fundraising effort was run through the Steel Bridge Creative Foundation or Destination Sturgeon Bay. Haas has also offered to loan a replacement piece when *Crosswind Approach* is relocated. It was the opinion of the Board to accept Haas's offer to extend the loan agreement for *Crosswind Approach* and issue a Call for Artists for the City's Rotating Sculpture Loan Program to identify new pieces, perhaps by different artists, for the display space on the East Waterfront Promenade. Miller will provide a draft Call for Artists for the next meeting. The Board also voiced a desire to be included in the placement process when the City installs new pieces. It was also discussed that *The Pulse* be contacted to see if they

would be agreeable to publishing an article on the efforts of the Board and inviting them to attend the Board's meeting in May.

Discussion regarding Local Art Board webpage and specific content for Public Art section [7]: Miller is compiling materials for the Directory of Public Art for the webpage on the City's website and Servia is developing the associated map. In addition to the sculptures and murals in the handout provided, the Board suggested including the woodcarving (cello/double bass with owl) in Martin Park, the inflated steel armchairs by Robert Anderson in front of SOMI gallery (45 S. 3rd Ave.), the painted steel zoo animals and sturgeon woodcarving at the private residence at 221 Louisiana Street, and the eagle and nest at the private residence at 742 Jefferson St. (7th & Jefferson).

Items for the next agenda: 1. Discussion regarding increasing the number of members on the Local Arts Board. 2. Discussion and approval of art works to be included on the Public Art Directory and Map for the Public Art webpage on the City's website. 3. Discussion of draft Call for Artists for Rotating Sculpture Loan Program.

Motion to adjourn [8]: by melaniejane with second by Trenchard. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10A.M.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 12th @ 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.
4. A responsible contact person for the tournament must be identified to the Park & Recreation Department prior to the tournament during normal working hours.
5. A map or sketch of the layout of the tournament activities must be provided to the Park & Recreation Department prior to the tournament.
6. Any changes from the map or pre-tournament arrangements must be cleared through the City of Sturgeon Bay Park & Recreation Superintendent prior to the start of the tournament during normal working hours.
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.

The Park & Recreation Committee has authority to suspend or modify any of the above rules and regulations.

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