

JOINT PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE / BOARD

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

A meeting of the Joint Park and Recreation Committee / Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Hauser in the Community Room, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call: Members Ald. Hauser and Ald. Avenson were present. Also present were Municipal Services Director Mike Barker, George Husby, Chris Larsen, and Municipal Services Secretary Lynnae Kolden. Absent were Ald. Hayes, Marilyn Kleist, Randy Morrow, Leif Hagman.

Moved by Chris Larsen, seconded by Ald. Avenson to adopt the following agenda:

1. Roll Call.
2. Adoption of Agenda.
3. Public comment.
4. Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2017.
5. Discussion of: Update on Bradley Lake/Sunset Park Project – Attached Little Lake Project Synopsis.
6. Discussion of: Way finder Project.
7. Discussion of: Adopt –a-Park – Attached City of Platteville Program.
8. Consideration of: Request to Finance Committee re: Urban Park Concept.
9. Discussion of: Priorities for the 2019 Parks and Rec Capital Budget – Attached pages 35-42 from 2015 Parks Plan.
10. Adjourn.

All in favor. Carried.

Public Comment: Jay Renstrom spoke regarding the growing sport of pickle ball and getting the tennis courts painted with lines for pickle ball. Dan Wolfel spoke regarding placing an outdoor pickle ball court at Otumba Park. Matt Young spoke regarding the Skate Park and the need for some improvements, such as lighting and a drinking fountain. He also thanked the Parks Department for installing the donor board at the Skate Park. Gary Nault spoke in regards to improving the quality of Little Lake and the beaches. Chris Kellems spoke on finding volunteers for park projects.

Discussion of: Update on Bradley Lake/Sunset Park project. Mike Barker spoke and informed the board/committee that the City did not receive the grant and that the projects would need to be done in phases. He also stated the City would be looking into other options to fund the improvements. Chris Larsen stated that phase 1 was completed. The discussion included Little Lake and getting aeration into the lake to improve the quality of the water.

Discussion of: Way finder project. Ald Hauser spoke on attending a meeting with Mike Barker to discuss added signage for the parks and working in conjunction with the Sturgeon Bay Visitors Center to get a cost savings on that signage. Ald. Hauser will come back to next meeting with cost figures.

Discussion of: Adopt-a-Park. Ald. Hauser spoke regarding getting an Adopt-A-Park system in place, and reviewed the Platteville program. Chris Larsen stated the City should be adding little by little in conjunction with the FOTH plan to help Sunset and Little Lake. Mike Barker agreed to start small. Ald. Avenson promoted no pesticides for safer parks for the kids and pets. She also mentioned adding plots of wildflowers and natural grasses to reduce mowing. Chris Larsen questioned if we would need some sort of liability coverage for the volunteers helping in the parks, and what supervision would be needed.

Consideration of: Request to Finance Committee re: Urban Park Concept.

Discussion took place regarding needing a park on the east side of town, and that the Peil property already has trails mowed through the property. Ald. Hauser mentioned the Tall Pines Estates and Maritime Heights project would bring over 400 apartments within a ½ mile radius of the property.

Motion by George Husby, Seconded by Ald. Avenson, to recommend to the Finance Committee to option the property.

Discussion took place regarding the time frame needed for planning and grant writing organization.

Motion was amended by George Husby and Seconded by Ald Avenson, to negotiate a 90 day option to purchase the Peil property, purchasing on the back portion of the property beginning at the north property line of the Simon property.

Parcel # 281-62-10000108 Address: 1116 Egg Harbor Rd, Sturgeon Bay WI 54235

All in Favor. Carried.

Discussion of: Priorities for the 2019 Parks and Rec Capital Budget. The board/committee stated we needed to get a wish list of what is needed for the parks. Chris Larsen mentioned that when we revise the 2019 ORP that would help in creating a list of needs. Chad mentioned trees for Sunset Park should be considered due to all the dying ash trees.

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Avenson, Seconded by George Husby. All in favor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynnae Kolden
Municipal Services Secretary