

JOINT PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

A meeting of the Joint Park and Recreation Committee / Board was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chairperson Hayes in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call: Members Ald. Hayes, Ald. Bacon, Ald. Nault, Municipal Services Director Mike Barker, Randy Morrow, Chris Larson, George Husby, Josh VanLieshout and Municipal Services Secretary Lynnae Kolden were present.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Ald. Nault, seconded by Ald. Bacon.

1. Roll call
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Public comment on agenda and non-agenda items
4. Approval of minutes from April 24, 2019
5. Discussion of: Dredging options for Bradley Lake by Greg Coulthurst from Door County Soil & Water Conservation.
6. Presentation & Consideration of: Allowing J's Bait Box to place 1 bait and 1 ice machine at Sawyer Harbor
7. Discussion of: Renaming Parks
8. Discussion of: Sunset Park Master Plan
9. Discussion of: Bayview Park, Bullhead Point, Cherry Blossom Park to gather information for updating the 5-year Outdoor Recreational Plan.
10. Discussion of: Launching ramps
11. Directors Report
12. Future agenda items
13. Adjourn

All in Favor. Carried.

Public Comment: Jay Renstrom, 34 Bluebird Dr., Jack Follick, 449 N 15th Ave., Steve Graf, 833 Michigan St. and Guy Fortin, 614 N 4th Ave. All spoke in regards to Pickle ball, and stated that they are disappointed it wasn't on the agenda. Ald. Hayes, apologized for the oversight of missing Pickle ball on the agenda, and stated it would be on the next agenda.

Mark Jinkins, 960 Jefferson Place and Bill Bauernfeind, 908 Jefferson, both spoke in regards to the bike trail at Big Hill Park. They were concerned about the activity in the park and that it will ruin the habitat for the wildlife. Homeowners were upset that they were not notified of the possible bike trail.

Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2019: Moved by Ald. Nault, seconded by Chris Larsen. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion of:

Dredging options for Bradley Lake by Greg Coulthurst from Door County Soil & Water Conservation:

Greg spoke on the options available for dredging and what options area lakes have used. He stated the benefits and potential issues with the different options. Ald. Nault would like the goal to be blue water.

Greg, stated to do it right, that all soft sediment would need to be removed.

Presentation & Consideration of: Allowing J's Bait Box to place 1 bait and 1 ice machine at Sawyer Harbor:

Julie Hein, 806 Quincey and Dale Jeanquart, 130 N. 7th Ave. gave a presentation on a 24-hour bait box and ice machine located at Sawyer Harbor. Discussion continued on the cost, size, maintenance and operation of both the bait box and ice machine. Chris Larsen made a motion to Recommend to Council: to allow J's Bait & Box to install 1 bait and 1 ice machine at Sawyer Park. Ald. Hayes Seconded. Ald. Nault amended the recommendation to be for 1 yr. trial. No second. Amended motion failed. Ald. Hayes returned to the original motion. Discussion continued. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion of: Renaming Parks: Ald. Hayes had a request to rename Memorial Baseball Field to George Husby Baseball Field. Mike Barker stated he didn't find anything on naming or renaming of parks. Josh VanLieshout stated that we should make sure to research the naming of the park in further detail before any changes. George Husby was very humbled, but mentioned that Memorial Field was named back in the 1950's in honor of the veterans. Ald. Hayes made a motion to: direct staff to do the background research and fact finding on naming and renaming of Memorial Field. Chris Larsen seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion of: Sunset Park Master Plan: Discussion took place on the master plan by the committee and board members. There were extensive talks about all the possible options for the park.

Discussion of: Bayview Park, Bullhead Point, Cherry Blossom Park to gather information for updating the 5-year Outdoor Recreational Plan:

Bayview Park: Discussion took place regarding the lack of parking, concern of crosswalk location, bike racks needed and fishing dock updates.

Bullhead Point: Discussion took place on the history, renaming to Shipwreck Point (listed on google maps), entrance signage and possible improvements for kayak launches. Ald. Nault stated there should be safety buoys marking the shipwrecks. Randy Morrow stated all parks should have bike racks.

Cherry Blossom: Discussion of updating playground equipment, making a sand volleyball court and natural flower/grass meadow area.

Discussion of: Launching ramps: Ald. Nault gave the history of the launching ramps. He stated it is completely funded by the users. Extra funds are set aside for improvements needed at the launching ramps. He would like to see more adult workers covering more hours. Launch numbers are down due to multiple factors. We can discuss other things needed when we get to Sawyer Park review for the 5-year plan.

Directors Report: Mike Barker stated that seasonal workers have started. The signs arrived for the transient dockage. Ald. Nault and Mike, met with the adjacent property owners of Woods West Park concerning the wildflower planting that was proposed for that park. About 18 people showed up for the meeting. The property owners would like to see other things done with the money and time. Very rough ground, so the parks department is going to try and even it out a bit. Mike is also meeting with Tom Salzsieder to map out the tree locations for the 61 trees at Sunset Park.

Future agenda items: Pickle Ball Courts, East Side Waterfront walkway, Stone Harbor, Franke, Garland and Graham Parks.

Next Meeting date: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 @ 5:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Nault, seconded by Mike Barker. All in favor. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnae Kolden
Municipal Services Secretary