

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
JOINT PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 23, 2019
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street
5:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Joint Park and Recreation Committee / Board was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chairperson Hayes in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call: Members present were Ald. Hayes, Ald. Nault, Ald. Bacon, Marilyn Kleist, Randy Morrow, Chris Larson, George Husby, Jay Renstrom was excused, and also present Municipal Services Director Mike Barker, Josh VanLieshout, Marty Olejniczak and Municipal Services Secretary Lynnae Kolden.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Ald. Nault to adopt the following agenda, seconded by Ms. Kleist.

1. Roll call
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Public comment on agenda and non-agenda items
4. Approval of minutes from September 25, 2019
5. Presentation / Update on Graham Park
6. Consideration of: Dog Free Park
7. Discussion of: Park assessments Shiloh Dog Park, Skate Park and West Side Waterfront
8. Directors Report
9. Future Agenda Items
10. Adjourn

All in Favor. Carried.

Public Comment: Bill Luer, 155 N. 9th Ave., spoke on the Shiloh Dog Park regarding weed spraying and a shelter and he submitted a design and signature list supporting a shelter. Chris Kellems, 120 Alabama St., spoke on the dog free dog park in regards to the ADA requirements, and submitted an ADA Service Animals document. Matt Young, 415 W. Maple St., spoke in regards to the bike trail at Big Hill Park. He gave an update on the bike trail and usage of the trail. Submitted a signature list of supporters for the bike trail and also thanked the City of Sturgeon Bay for a safe, fun bike trail to use within the City. George Husby, 1111 N. 5th Ave., spoke in regards to alternate ball fields and the possible issues using the existing fields. Randy Morrow, 546 Kentucky St., spoke in regards of the possible erosion at Big Hill Park with the bike trail. Scott Moore, 947 Pennsylvania St., spoke on the assessment of the West Side Waterfront, spoke on the concern of the space on the waterfront dock face that the tugs use. Helen Bacon, 458 N. 5th Place, spoke in regards to Big Hill Park bike trail and encouraged the friend's group of Big Hill Park to continue working with Mike on the bike trail needs. Ms. Bacon also spoke in regards to a dog free park.

Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2019: Moved by Ald. Nault, seconded by Mr. Husby. All in favor. Carried.

Presentation / Update on Graham Park: SBVC along with Sterling Landscaping presented a preliminary proposal for Graham Park. The proposal includes a water feature, small event space, game features and updated landscaping. Discussion took place in regards to additional options within the proposed plan. Sterling Landscaping has agreed to adopt Graham Park for 5 years to maintain the landscaping and features in the proposal.

Ald. Nault, made a motion to accept and forward to Council the concept plan from SBVC and Sterling Landscaping, and to approve the process to go ahead and make improvements to Graham Park. Seconded by Ald. Bacon. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Consideration of: Dog Free Park: Ald. Hayes stated this was brought back to the Committee / Board due to the wording in the motion that included, in accordance with ADA federal law for accommodations of disabilities. Discussion took place in regards to the law, how and if it was valid or effective for an outdoor space.

Chris Larsen made a motion to identify Cherry Blossom Park as a dog free park. Mike Barker seconded. Discussion continued. Vote Taken. 6 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Discussion of: Park assessments

Shiloh Dog Park: Ald. Hayes asked Mike Barker if the dog park shelter was budgeted for this year or next year. Mr. Barker advised it is budgeted for 2020. Mr. Barker is looking for a 3-sided shelter and wants to place it in the middle of the fence area, along with a gate to pass through from side to side. He will reach out to the friend's group once the City has some options for the shelter. Ald. Hayes, suggested putting the shelter in a location that you can see down the hill and the entire dog park, so that people can keep an eye on their dog. Ald. Nault, thanked the friend's group for mowing. Discussion continued on possible improvements for the dog park which included a water spicket, mulching the entrance, trails on the hill, adding additional trees and shrubs.

Skate Park: Ald. Hayes, noticed cracking on the surface. Ald. Nault, asked if the ballfield was moved, would the bathrooms need to be re-done or moved. Randy Morrow, asked if we should wait on this park assessment until we know the outcome of the school / apartment project. Discussion took place in regards to parking, restrooms, additional landscaping and the surface maintenance. Mike Barker, will look into what can be used on the surface for sealing the cracks. Ald. Hayes, asked about the signage and if the Way finder project included this park. George Husby, suggested we advertise the skate park, to encourage more use, for the safety of the kids.

West Side Waterfront: Ald. Hayes, asked the Committee / Board to review and discuss the Ad Hoc proposal of the West Side Waterfront. Discussion took place in regards to the possible items that may need to be gone over within the project from the Park and Recreation Committee / Board. Ald. Hayes wants to take the recommendations from the West Side Waterfront Ad Hoc committee and put a stamp of approval on them from the Parks and Recreation Committee / Board to be proactive for the project to continue moving forward. George Husby, concerned about the money and if it will take away from the other parks. Ald. Hayes, mentioned that funds may come from grants and other sources as the project proceeds. Discussion continued on possible agreements and waterfront usages within the City. Ald. Nault, asked if it would be best to have someone come from the West Side Waterfront Ad Hoc committee to go over the plan and help answer some questions. Discussion continued on the park boundaries, possible parking issues and what items need to be reviewed from the Parks and Recreation group for the project. Ald. Nault asked to table further discussion until the next meeting and that we ask someone to attend from the West Side Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee. Ald. Hayes, agreed to table the discussion until the December meeting and to reach out to a couple of West Side Waterfront committee members to attend the December meeting, to review the proposal and help answer questions.

Directors Report: Mike Barker, stated that the swing set was installed at Woods West Park and that the crew is currently working on closing up the restrooms in the parks.

Future Agenda Items: Park Assessments: Woods West & Woodside Wildflower Preserve
Revisit the West Side Waterfront Park.

The beginning discussion with the Boys & Girls Club for STEM at Martin Park.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 @ 5:30 PM - City Hall

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Nault, seconded by Ald. Bacon. All in favor. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnae Kolden
Municipal Services Secretary