

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE / BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 25, 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. Kerry Reeths, Ald. Gary Nault, Tom Hemminger, Debbie Kiedrowski, Jay Renstrom, Randy Morrow, and Municipal Services Director Mike Barker.

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

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Review of Minutes from August 23, 2023
4. Public Comment on Agenda Items
5. Consideration of the communication board at Otumba Park
6. Update on security system
7. Chair's report
8. Director's report
9. Adjourn

Review of Minutes from August 23, 2023 [3]: Morrow asked who had been the opposing voter in the Hatch sculpture vote. The opposing voter was Barker. This does not need to be listed unless the opposing voter wishes to be listed.

Public Comment on Agenda Items [4]: No comments.

Consideration of the communication board at Otumba Park [5]: Ald. Bacon made a motion to accept the communication board at Otumba Park to be placed in spring, seconded by Renstrom. All in favor, motion carried.

Update on security system [6]: During the last budget meeting it was discussed that \$231,000 will be set aside for cameras and cables at Otumba Park, Sunset Park, the compost site, and the dog park. Graham Park was also added to budget with an additional \$5,000 set aside for it. They will probably be installed next year. We used the same vendor that does all of our security system. It was asked if there would be signage for the cameras. There was a lot of support for signage.

Chair's Report [7]: The wind phone was installed. Someone from northern Door County liked it and now there is going to be one installed in a northern Door County park.

The Parks and Recreation Board and Committee voted on the sculpture *Horizon*. It was going to go to council and the day before the sculpture was purchased by a couple. Hatch said he would work on something for the city if he has any down time.

Director's Report [8]: Most of the restrooms have been shut down for the year. The restrooms at Stone Harbor will be shut down at the end of the month of October. The Parks Department is getting ready for winter. They're currently picking up leaves.

Barker is working on the spec for the Sunset Park Pavilion. That should be done the first week or two of December and then he can get that out for bids.

Nault brought up that there is funding available for fountains or aerators at Bradley Lake. This will help with the alum treatment that the city plans to do as well.

Nault also brought up the fact that the public in this case people concerned about the dog park can only speak on agenda items and have no way to address issues they may have that aren't one the agenda.

Kiedrowski asked if mulch is being picked up now. She wanted to know if the jumping worms are gone from the compost site. Barker noted there is one pile of compost that is ready. The city is heating and steaming the piles, this kills the worms and the eggs.

Morrow asked about the historical signs removed from Graham Park. Barker said the signs will be replaced in about another year or so. A committee will be formed to create new ones.


Morrow commented that garbage cans are lacking on the steel bridge. There are none on 4th or any other road than 3rd. It might be worth it to add more.

Morrow mentioned that the Younkers building will be torn down. There will be outdoor seating. This could be a possible area for art for the Local Art Board.

Morrow also asked about the park area by granary, do we have a set date? Barker said none of the park area will be taking place in 2024.

Adjourn [9]: Motion to adjourn by Reeths and seconded by Nault. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie DeKeyser
Recording Secretary