



AGENDA

CITY OF STURGEON BAY  
JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE / BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 24, 2024  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street  
5:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Review of Minutes from March 27, 2024
4. Review of Minutes from Aquatic Plant Management Plan Revision Ad Hoc Committee meeting on March 5, 2024
5. Review of Minutes from Aquatic Plant Management Plan Revision Ad Hoc Committee meeting on March 21, 2024
6. Review of Minutes from Local Arts Board meeting on April 10, 2024
7. Public Comment on Agenda Items
8. Approval of Aquatic Plant Management Plan
9. Update on plans at Sunset Pavilion
10. Chair's report
11. Directors Report
12. 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: 2:00pm  
Date: 4-19-24  
By: SG

Park and Recreation Committee / Board Members:

Helen Bacon, Chair  
Gary Nault, Vice Chair  
Kirsten Reeths  
Randy Morrow  
Jay Renstrom  
Debbie Kiedrowski  
Thomas Hemminger  
Shauna Blackledge  
Mike Barker

CITY OF STURGEON BAY  
JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE / BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 27, 2024  
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:** Members present were Chair/Ald. Helen Bacon, Ald. Kirsten Reeths, Ald. Gary Nault, Tom Hemminger, Jay Renstrom, Randy Morrow, Shauna Blackledge, Debbie Kiedrowski and Municipal Services Director Mike Barker. Also present were City Administrator Josh VanLieshout and Municipal Services Secretary Stephanie Gomez.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion was made by Randy Morrow and seconded by Jay Renstrom to adopt the following agenda.

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Review of Minutes from January 24, 2024
4. Public Comment on Agenda Items
5. Consideration of Changes to Fishing Tournament Rules in City Parks.
6. Discussion of Big Hill Park stairs along N. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.
7. Chair's report
8. Directors Report
9. Adjourn

**Review of Minutes from January 24, 2024**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** No public comments

**Consideration of: Changes to fishing tournament rules in City parks.**

City Administrator VanLieshout spoke about how the DNR felt the City's fishing tournament rules were more of a regulation on fishing which the City does not have a right to do. The City came back clarifying that the fishing tournament rules were meant to regulate the use of the City parks. The DNR understood but requested that the language be changed in a way that expresses the intent of the rules are to accommodate the use of the parks by the community. The language of the rules was changed to be more concise, and both the City and DNR agreed upon the new language of the rules. Members of the Committee agreed that they liked the new language of the fishing tournament rules and the support from the DNR.

Motion by Randy Morrow, seconded by Jay Renstrom, to approve the changes to fishing tournament rules in city parks. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Discussion of: Big Hill stairs along N. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Municipal Services Director Mike Barker explained that the City has two options to fix the stairs. Option 1 is to replace the steps and do a beautification project at a cost of around \$50,000 to \$60,000. Option 2 is to only do a beautification project using big stones as a border around what is planted at a cost of \$5,000 to \$6,000. Ald. Reeths and Shauna Blackledge expressed that they felt that stairs were not necessary, and a path would be sufficient. They felt the money would be better allocated to other park projects. Mike Barker and Tom Hemminger both agree that the \$50,000 to \$60,000 to replace the steps would be better used elsewhere. Randy Morrow, Jay Renstrom and Debbie Kiedrowski would like to see the steps replaced.

A directive was made to Municipal Services Director Mike Barker from Randy Morrow to put money in the 2025 budget for a project to replace the steps at Big Hill Park.

**Chair's Report:** Ald. Bacon spoke about different artists and speakers coming to Sturgeon Bay in April and May.

**Director's Report:** Municipal Services Director Mike Barker spoke about the bid he had out for the work on the Sunset Park pavilion. He stated that he should be getting the totals back this week with hope to start the improvements in the fall. Some of these improvements include adding a cover of cultured stone, building a fire pit/grill, adding a concrete patio and sitting wall, and an upgrade to the bathrooms and lighting. He also stated that the Aquatic Plant Management Plan Update Ad Hoc meetings have wrapped up, and they were productive.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Ald. Nault and seconded by Ald. Reeths. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Gomez  
Municipal Services Secretary

CITY OF STURGEON BAY  
AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION  
AD HOC COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 05, 2024  
Community Room, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street  
9:00 A.M

A meeting of the Joint Park and Recreation Committee / Board was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairperson Bacon in the Community Room, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call: Members present were Ald. Bacon, Ald. Nault, Thomas Hemminger, Ryan Londo, and Mike Barker Also present was City Administrator Josh VanLieshout.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Nault to adopt the following agenda, seconded by Hemminger. All in favor. Carried.

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Purpose of committee
4. Self-introduction of committee members.
5. Public Comment
6. 2023 Aquatic Plant Survey results.
7. Comparison of 2016 and 2023 Aquatic Plant Survey results.
8. Aquatic invasive plant species in Sturgeon Bay
9. Stakeholder survey results summary.
10. Summary of 2019 Aquatic Plant Management Plan Elements
11. Preparation for planning second meeting.
12. Adjourn.

Purpose of Committee: Mike Barker stated that there were meetings required as per the contract that was signed with Onterra LLC. City staff thought it would be appropriate to start an ad hoc committee to decrease the load being placed on the Parks and Recreation Board and Committee. He expects this ad hoc committee to only hold two or three meetings.

Self-Introduction of committee members: All members introduced themselves and mentioned why they had in interest in the aquatic plant management.

Public Comment:  
Chris Kellems, 120 Alabama St, Sturgeon Bay, spoke of concerns of cutting weeds in Lama Wama Lagoon.

2023 Aquatic Plant Survey results: Tim Hoyman of Onterra LLC started off by explaining when and how the plant surveys were conducted and noted that the goal was to identify both native and non-native plants. The survey covers both emergent and floating-leaf communities. A map was generated with the findings. There are a total of 44 species of aquatic plants identified.

Comparison of 2016 and 2023 Aquatic Plant Survey results. There were 44 total aquatic plant species identified in both surveys. There were no major differences between the two surveys, although the plants are more dense in 2023 than in 2016.

Aquatic invasive plant species in Sturgeon Bay: In the 2023 survey, there was a 10% decrease in Eurasian watermilfoil distribution. There was a 10% increase in Curly-leaf pondweed distribution. There was a 6% increase of Starry stonewort distribution.

Stakeholder survey results summary: Survey participants are rather equal across private slip or pier, marina/slip, and boaters using a landing. The survey shows that most participants are not satisfied with the current management strategy. The survey shows support for both mechanical and herbicide control techniques to help with control the aquatic plants in Sturgeon Bay.

Summary of 2019 Aquatic Plant Management Plan elements: A discussion took place about the 2019 plan. We discussed items that were not included in the plan, but should be in the next plan, such as: Attempting to add Lama Wama lagoon for mechanical harvesting. Adding an additional herbicide treatment.

Preparation for planning second meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday March, 21 at 9:00 A.M. in the Community Room in City Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Hemminger, seconded by Barker. All in favor. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:24 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Barker  
Director of Municipal Services

CITY OF STURGEON BAY  
AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION  
AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 21, 2024  
Community Room, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street  
9:00 A.M

A meeting of the Joint Park and Recreation Committee / Board was called to order at 9:01 A.M. by Chairperson Bacon in the Community Room, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call: Members present were Ald. Bacon, Ald. Nault, Ryan Londo, and Mike Barker.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Nault to adopt the following agenda, seconded by Hemminger. All in favor. Carried.

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of minutes from March 5, 2024
4. Public Comment
5. Changes to draft plan from last meeting.
6. Consideration to approve the draft version of the 2024 Aquatic Plant Management Plan.
7. Discussion on survey results on Bradley Lake.
8. Adjourn.

Approval of minutes from March 5, 2024.

Tim Hoyman pointed out discrepancies in the minutes, they will be made in bold print and attached to the meeting minutes from this meeting.

Public Comment:

Kim Larson, 3727 Gliden Drive, Sturgeon Bay expressed concerns on the impact of chemical treatments on the overall health of the water.

Chris Kelems, 120 Alabama St, Sturgeon Bay spoke of adding weed harvesting to Lama Wamah Lagoon and her preferences for Bradley Lake.

Changes to the draft Aquatic Management Plan since last meeting: Tim Hoyman of Onterra LLC spoke about the following additions to the plan:

- Adding a navigation lane in Lama Wamah Lagoon to the plan and recommending it happening twice per season.
- Bullhead Point Kayak navigation lane will also be added to the plan.
- Under the "Floater Harvesting" heading, adding "the cutter head will not be lower than 2' below the surface unless the floating mass extends deeper than 2 feet".
- Under the "Business and residential Docksides Pick Up" heading, adding "if residents place aquatic plants at the end of their docks, please contact the Municipal Services office to ensure the crews are notified of the pile."
- Under the "Herbicide Treatment Areas & Timing" heading, adding "The inspector would use a combination of printed maps from this plan and GPS tracking to identify blocks available for treatment."
  - "Up to two herbicide treatments may occur each growing season".
  - "The second treatment (if Required) would follow the same pretreatment inspection procedure as the first treatment."

- Flumioxazin is appropriate for open and deeper areas due to the surface area, as opposed to volume, dosing requirement is diquat.
- "Treatments would occur in late-June to early-July and late-July to mid-August (if required)."
- There was also one name changed on the map which lists the names of areas to be sprayed.

Consideration to approve the draft version of the 2024 Aquatic Plant Management Plan:  
Motion to approve by Bacon, seconded by Londo, Carried

Discussion on the survey results on Bradley Lake: Tim Hoyman explained that there were three surveys completed in 2023. An early-season AIS mapping survey for curly-leaf pondweed. A point-intercept survey for native and non-native plants. And a late-season survey for Eurasian watermilfoil. The surveys revealed 12 species including 6 native species and 4 non-native species (Giant Reed, Purple Loosestrife, Eurasian Watermilfoil, and Curly-leaf Pondweed). The lake is shallow and is dominated by algae. The lake does not have an aquatic plant problem as much as a water quality problem. High levels of impervious surface likely drain to the lake. Very little water leaves the lake, so it is a nutrient sink. Dredging would increase volume and dilution ability but is not likely to solve the problem. Increased water clarity (such as alum treatment) would increase aquatic plant growth. Non-natives, such as curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil would be the first to expand quickly.

Motion to adjourn by Nault, seconded by Barker. All in favor. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Barker  
Director of Municipal Services



MINUTES  
CITY OF STURGEON BAY  
LOCAL ARTS BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, April 10, 2024  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street

A meeting of the Local Arts Board was called to order at 09:02AM., by Chairperson/Alder Helen Bacon in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

**Roll Call:** Members present were Alder. Helen Bacon, melaniejane, Stephanie Trenchard, Margaret Lockwood, and Jerod Santek. Claire Morkin was excused. City Administrator Josh VanLieshout, City Administrative Assistant Suzanne Miller and Municipal Services Secretary Stephanie Gomez were also in attendance. Guest Theresa Lind was present as well.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion was made.

1. Roll Call.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Review of Minutes from March 13th, 2024
4. Public comment on agenda items.
5. Chair's report.
6. Update on proposed designs by sculptor Teresa Lind for previously approved loaned art piece and associated public aluminum pour.
7. Discussion of Steven Woodward's sculptures presented by artist on March 13th, 2024
6. Update on Panel Discussion planned for Saturday, April 27th, 2024.
8. Adjourn.

All ayes. Motion carried.

**Review of Minutes from March, 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024:** No changes requested.

**Public comment on agenda items:** No public comments.

**Chair's report:** Ald. Helen Bacon commented that it's been a busy month of planning and communicating with those involved with the Fine Arts Fair and the upcoming panel discussion on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**6. Update on proposed designs by sculptor Teresa Lind for previously approved loaned art piece and associated public aluminum pour:** Teresa Lind spoke about her plan for the upcoming aluminum pour sculpture she will be doing at the Fine Arts Fair at Martin Park on May 25<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. She presented some pictures to show how she wants to use tiles to have people be able to express what they love about Sturgeon Bay. She will use those tiles as part of her sculpture. Theresa explained that she would put together a schedule to space out the pours so people could participate throughout the day. There are eighty tiles that she would like to use as part of the piece, but also explained that there could be an option for individuals to do their own tile to keep for about \$20 each. Suzanne Miller said she would work on doing a press release for the event in The Pulse to be put out the week before the event. The event will also be promoted by Destination



Sturgeon Bay. Melaniejane brought up the point of weather, and the idea of possibly doing the event in a warehouse space if it rains. Stephanie Trenchard said she would have warehouse space available. Jerod Santeck expressed the idea of inviting writers from the Art Speaks program to watch the pour and write poetry to be read at the presentation of the sculpture. The board agreed that this was a good idea.

**7. Discussion of Steven Woodward's sculptures presented by artist on March 13th, 2024:** Ald. Helen Bacon said Steven went to the granary site to get ideas shortly after he spoke at the last meeting. Stephanie Trenchard expressed that she liked the idea of his keyhole sculpture being put on display at the granary site. Ald Bacon also said she would like to see him do a project with the Sturgeon Bay Library. There was also discussion later in the meeting of communicating the City's plans regarding Steven Woodward's sculpture ideas. Suzanne Miller suggested sending him a letter from the City explaining that they like his work and would like to have his work on display at some point, but are not presently in a position to do so. The Local Arts Board will revisit his ideas in a year.

**8. Update on Panel Discussion planned for Saturday, April 27th, 2024:** Ald. Bacon presented the schedule for the upcoming panel discussion on April 27th, 2024 at the DCEDC. People involved in the event are Keynote speaker Anne Katz, Artist Rebecca Carlton, Jason Mann will take care of recording equipment and lighting, Suzanne Miller and Ald. Bacon will take care of handing out refreshments and helping where needed. There was a discussion among the board members of some minor changes in the schedule, including a suggestion from Jerod Santeck to get rid of the break as the event may lose momentum. The board agreed this is a good idea. Suzanne Miller spoke about where she has already sent invitations. She has sent out over 150 invitations and can send out more if specifically requested. The Panel Discussion will also be advertised in the newspaper.

**9. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Stephanie Trenchard. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59am.

Respectfully submitted,

Municipal Services Secretary  
Stephanie Gomez