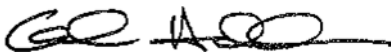


# **WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION – MINUTES**

**October 2, 2024**

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER. Parks Coordinator Haberkorn called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 5:03 pm in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. ROLL CALL: Voting members present: Setz, Quamme, & Kegler. Absent: Vieth & Weihert. Ex-officio members present: Parks Coordinator Gabe Haberkorn and DPW Director Chad Yerges. Absent: Friends of Firemen's Park President Jessica Pickel & WYSO Representative Otto Degler. Others present: None.
2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: SEPTEMBER 4, 2024. MOTION: Moved by Quamme, seconded by Kegler. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 3-0.
3. CITIZEN INPUT: NONE
4. REPORTS/UPDATES:
  - a. Coordinator's Report: Haberkorn stated that nothing has changed much since the last meeting. Haberkorn said that W&K Day and the Battle of Waterloo CX Cup was a good turnout and that the work to replace the grass and sod will be done in the next few weeks. Haberkorn stated that the HS Cross Country race went well. Haberkorn stated that he spoke with Carousel Carvings and that they will have too much on their plate to take on more crankshafts this winter. Haberkorn spoke about the TAPS grant and not qualifying for it this year and that we will try again next year. Setz and Kegler mentioned that we should be looking into bids earlier than we do for projects like the Reunion Hall.
  - b. Parks Financial Report: Haberkorn spoke on the Budget status and that the Tax Levy still has not been rectified for the year. Setz asked when payments usually come in from Finance. Haberkorn stated that usually half in Spring and the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment in August.
  - c. 2024 Capital Projects: Haberkorn asked for any updates or ideas the Parks Commission would like to see on the Capital Projects list. Discussion.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. 2025 Budget: Haberkorn spoke about the Finance Department approval of the Parks Department 2025 Budget. Haberkorn asked if the Parks Commission could have a Community Meeting at the next Parks Commission meeting to discuss whether the City of Waterloo Parks Department should still be sponsoring larger events. Haberkorn discussed the rising cost of Fireworks and other products to put on large events and that is still financially responsible to spend \$10,000 on a fireworks display that lasted 20 minutes or should we be looking at spending that money elsewhere to help with the Parks Department Budget. Haberkorn stated that he would like to have some community feedback on going forward. Setz stated that he has thought about it a lot, and in his opinion, we should not have a big event for July 4<sup>th</sup> anymore and move fireworks to W&K Day and be able to shoot them off at an earlier time. That for July 4<sup>th</sup> we should have just a small community party with some food and baseball. Haberkorn discussed the cheaper rates for fireworks in September compared to July 4<sup>th</sup>. Haberkorn then spoke on sponsorships for Outdoor Concerts going forward. Setz discussed only having concerts on nights that other events such as baseball games are going on, drop August and September and then having 2 concerts in each month of June and July. Quamme asked if there were any organizations around that would want to take it over and take the cost off the Parks Department. Discussion. MOTION: None.
6. INFORMATION:
  - a. Community Holiday Parade and Party – December 7, 2024
  - b. Lights in Firemen's Park – Thanksgiving thru Christmas
  - c. Friends of Firemen's Park Golf Outing – George Washington Davies Open – July 25<sup>th</sup>
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING.
  - a. Next Meeting: August 7, 2024, at 5:00 pm
8. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Moved by Kegler to adjourn, seconded by Quamme. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 3-0  
Approximate time: 5:41 pm



Gabe Haberkorn  
Park Coordinator