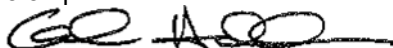


WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION – MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2022

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, Vieth, Kegler & Weihert. Absent: Crave. Ex-officio members present: Parks Coordinator Gabe Haberkorn. Absent: Public Works Director Chad Yerges, Friends of Firemen's Park President Jessica Pickel & WYSO Representative Otto Degler. Others present: None
2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: DECEMBER 1, 2021. MOTION: Moved by Setz, seconded by Weihert. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 4-0
3. CITIZEN INPUT: None
4. REPORTS/UPDATES:
 - a. Coordinator's Report: Haberkorn spoke on the Holiday of Lights and Holiday Parade night being very successful but the WinterFest losing approximately \$2900 that the Friends of Waterloo Firemen's Park covered so the Parks Department would not take that hit. Haberkorn discussed the new sump pump in Lower Pavilion and plumbing issues that is now done along with all the plumbing issues that have been taken care of. Haberkorn spoke on the outdoor area of the pavilion that needs to be cleaned. Haberkorn also discussed the fencing, bathroom renovations, and dugouts to begin in the Spring. Haberkorn spoke on Phase 2 of the Playground Project set to be in Spring of 2022 with Phase 3 shortly thereafter. Haberkorn spoke on the Carousel door replacements and that they have arrived. Haberkorn spoke briefly on the upcoming 50/50 raffle upcoming in March and to continue until W&K Day in September. Kegler asked about the fencing project and dog park areas. Weihert spoke on recycling of the fencing. Kegler asked about the Hendricks Street project and sidewalk into Firemen's Park. Kegler asked about the McKay Way Park area in the new subdivision. Haberkorn answered and showed the 2008 map with the proposed park on the map.
 - b. Parks Financial Report: December 2021 thru January 2022. Haberkorn spoke on the ending number of 2022 with a fund balance of \$71,320 in 2022 and \$46,677 in total after 2022. Haberkorn then spoke on January numbers and the large deficit in January for Security and Advertising for the year with those numbers not repeating throughout the year. Haberkorn then showed the strong January in revenue for Waterloo Parks.
 - c. 2022 Capital Projects: Haberkorn spoke on the moving of 2021 projects into 2022.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Park Coordinator/City Clerk Position: Haberkorn spoke on his interest in the City Clerk position and discussions with Mayor Quimby. The idea came around on a possibility of combining both positions into one. Haberkorn discussed his research into this type of position and what the Parks Department changes would have to be made. Haberkorn spoke on the different removing any alcohol sales and with the Parks Department already struggling with funding and being underfunded by \$50,000/year taking away the alcohol sales would lead to another shortage of \$20,000. Haberkorn also spoke on Waterloo Parks being different than others and now that we are starting to find our way, not wanting to change the direction that we are headed. Discussion by the Parks Commission and not wanting to change direction of the Parks Department and having a position where the Parks Department is not the focal point. Haberkorn discussed a possible combination with the DPW making more sense. Haberkorn also spoke on the thought process of not being able to give up the Parks Department. Haberkorn spoke on job descriptions as well.
6. INFORMATION:
 - a. Easter Egg Hunt: April 16, 2022
 - b. Spring Clean: April 23, 2022
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING.
 - a. Kegler questions: Kegler spoke on concerns on the walkway leading from the new Parking Lot along the Mauneshia River. Concept was given of a possible gravel or grass path for now. Kegler spoke on looking at the possibility of connectivity with all trails in Waterloo. Kegler spoke on the old Perry Printing bridge and what happened to the money made from that sale. Haberkorn said he will look into it.
 - b. Next Meeting: April 6, 2022, at 5:00 pm
8. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Moved by Weihert, seconded by Setz. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 4-0 Approximate time: 5:54 pm



Gabe Haberkorn
Park Coordinator