## WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION – MINUTES December 9, 2020

- ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER. Parks Commission Chair Stinnett called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 5:08 pm in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. ROLL CALL: Voting members present: Stinnett, Setz, Kegler & Vieth. Absent: Strobel. Ex-officio members present: Parks Coordinator Gabe Haberkorn, Public Works Director Chad Yerges, WRT Representative Charles Crave. Absent: Friends of Firemen's Park President Jessica Pickel & WYSO Representative Otto Degler. Others present: Maureen Giese.
- 2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: AUGUST 12, 2020. MOTION: Moved by Kegler, seconded by Setz to approve the meeting minutes with changes. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 4-0
- CITIZEN INPUT: Maureen Giese handed out a letter to be put into the official minutes and read aloud the letter.
   Maureen spoke about Old Business not being on the Parks Commission Agenda and asked to put Fox Park and the Carousel Kiosk back on the Agenda for February.
- 4. REPORTS/UPDATES:
  - Coordinator's Report. Haberkorn spoke on the updates from Summer Concerts, projects going on and carousel updates.
  - b. Parks Financial Report August 2020 thru November 2020. Haberkorn also spoke on the shortfall as a result on Covid-19 and will have a full report for next meeting.
  - c. 2020 Capital Projects: None.
- NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. Park Area for Possible Sale.
    - i. DPW Director spoke on behalf of selling off park greenspace to make money for the Parks Department. He spoke on the Lum Avenue portion of Firemen's Park. Al Kegler spoke about ramifications of beginning a "war" in the community over park space. Charlie Crave spoke on not selling off the land. Shawn Vieth spoke on setting a bad precedent in selling off park space. Jim Setz spoke on once we sell land, we cannot get that land back. DPW Director spoke on reasons to sell: tax base, less maintenance cost, etc. MOTION: Moved by Setz, seconded by Vieth not to sell off Lum Avenue portion of Firemen's Park. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 4-0
    - ii. MOTION: Moved by Stinnett, seconded by Vieth to take the possible sale of Morrison Field off the agenda for the future. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 4-0
  - b. Park Board Trustees: Discussion
  - c. Veterans Park Mason Work: Discussion
  - d. Firemen's Park Lift Station: Discussion
  - e. Lower Pavilion: Discussion
  - f. Hendricks Street Project: Discussion
  - g. Field Usage: Parks Coordinator Haberkorn spoke on the cost to the Parks Department from local organizations. Haberkorn gave examples from other surrounding communities. Discussion. MOTION: Moved by Setz, seconded by Kegler to table the discussion for the next meeting after receiving more information from Parks Coordinator Haberkorn. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 4-0
- 6. INFORMATION:
  - a. Budget Submittal Changes. Discussion
- 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING.
  - a. 203 E. Madison Street Project. Discussion
  - b. Next Meeting: February 10, 2021 at 5:00 pm
- 8. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Adjourned by consensus. Approximate time: 6:15 pm

Gabe Haberkorn Park Coordinator