

WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION – MINUTES

APRIL 6, 2022

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER. Parks Coordinator Haberkorn called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 5:02 pm in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. ROLL CALL: Voting members present: Setz, Vieth, & Weihert. Absent: Crave & Kegler. Ex-officio members present: Parks Coordinator Gabe Haberkorn & Public Works Director Chad Yerges. Absent: Friends of Firemen's Park President Jessica Pickel & WYSO Representative Otto Degler. Others present: Barb Morrison-Gudgeon, Dakota Rey, Laura Cotting, Eric Cotting, Patricia Cox, Mike Gintner, & Mindy Crave.
2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: FEBRUARY 2, 2022. MOTION: Moved by Setz, seconded by Weihert. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 3-0
3. CITIZEN INPUT: Laura Cotting spoke on attendance at JCTC meetings and their interest in blogs for Discover WI website for Bird Watching and possible interest in a blog for the Carousel.
4. REPORTS/UPDATES:
 - a. Coordinator's Report: Haberkorn spoke on the slow period in the Parks Department. Haberkorn spoke on the sump pump and fencing projects ongoing and then finishing. Bathroom renovations to be done in the spring and throughout the summer. Playground project moving forward with thanks from the DPW and Director Chad Yerges. Haberkorn spoke that playground will break ground in April and finishing in June. DPW Director spoke on the Carousel door replacement to be done in the end of April. Haberkorn spoke on the other projects for the year including AC updates at the Pavilion and WRT to be completed in the Fall.
 - b. Parks Financial Report: February 2022 thru April 2022. Haberkorn spoke on the bump of park usage and adding an additional baseball league on Sundays. Haberkorn spoke on the strong start to the year with the budget. Haberkorn spoke on total fund equity \$101,916.00 and 2022 fund equity at \$55,239.00 fund balance of \$71,320 in 2022.
 - c. 2022 Capital Projects: Haberkorn spoke on the prioritization list and being in the middle of projects yet from 2021 and then moving onto projects for 2022.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Yoga Classes at WRT: Eric Cotting spoke on behalf of his small business of teaching Yoga classes and looking for new space for classes. Cotting spoke on using the Fire Department and the problems that arise from usage. Cotting spoke on the benefits of the WRT but cost would be a problem. Haberkorn spoke on the precedent set by annual users using Zumba classes as the example with rent of \$125/month. Haberkorn spoke on not wanting to go against the precedent set as there is no fee schedule for everyday usage. Vieth spoke on the cleaning of conference room or bathrooms. Weihert spoke on the usage of the Mauneshia Business Center. Cotting asked about room being available for Yoga classes. Cotting spoke on looking at the space and meeting Park Coordinator Haberkorn. Cotting asked about storage at the Business Center and Haberkorn spoke about the extra closet for room for storage. Haberkorn and Cotting spoke about meeting at 8:15 pm on February 3, 2022. Cotting asked about usage of the MBC and Haberkorn spoke on the City Band practice schedule. Cotting asked about parking for patrons and DPW Director Yerges spoke on street parking and then the new parking lot along the Mauneshia River. Haberkorn spoke about contacting the CDA to have Cotting on the next agenda.
 - b. Bathroom Renovations:
 - i. Automatic Flush Valves: Haberkorn spoke on the new costs for bathroom renovations and adding Automatic Flush Valves. Discussion. MOTION: Moved by Weihert, seconded by Vieth. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 3-0
 - ii. Stall Installations: Haberkorn spoke on replacing stalls in the Upstairs Men's Bathroom in the Pavilion and both outdoor bathrooms. Vieth asked about the lighting project still out there as well. Discussion. MOTION: Moved by Vieth approve Pavilion bathrooms stall replacement, seconded by Setz. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 3-0. Discussion. MOTION: Moved by Setz to approve Outdoor Bathroom stall replacement, seconded by Vieth. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 3-0
 - c. Lower Pavilion Issues: Haberkorn spoke on the new water issues in the Kitchen. Discussion. MOTION: Moved by Setz to approve Lower Pavilion Kitchen Issues at \$1300, seconded by Weihert. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 3-0
 - d. Morrison Field Sale for Possible Development: Haberkorn spoke on the wishes of Mayor Quimby to have the possible sale of Morrison Field for Development. Haberkorn spoke on the vote made in 2020 on the tabling of Morrison Field for sale to take it off the agenda but the Parks Commission took a vote on the Lum Avenue portion of Firemen's Park not to put up for sale. Barb Morrison-Gudgeon spoke on the behalf of the 83 kids using the facility each season and she spoke on the needs of the City of Waterloo. Haberkorn gave some background on Morrison Field, it's Dedication from 2002 with Waterloo City Council. Haberkorn spoke on the area being zoned as Conservancy. Weihert spoke on the usage of Morrison Field and not wanting to move forward. Discussion. MOTION: Moved by Weihert to preserve Morrison Field as is, seconded by Setz. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 3-0

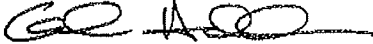
6. INFORMATION:

- a. Easter Egg Hunt: April 16, 2022
- b. Spring Clean: April 23, 2022
- c. Summer Concert Series – May 12 with Rusty Hearts

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING.

- a. Next Meeting: June 1, 2022, at 5:00 pm
- b. Setz spoke about the Parks Commission just being an advisory committee for City Council. Setz warned that just that because the Parks Commission voted down something, doesn't mean the City Council or Mayor can't go against it.

8. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Moved by Setz, seconded by Weihert. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried 3-0 Approximate time: 5:49 pm



Gabe Haberkorn
Park Coordinator