

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Joe Boll at 7:00 p.m. Present at roll call: Joe Boll, Scott Heinberg, Doug Lindstrom, Rayna O'Brien, Jill Ringen, Ken Staver, and Carly Winslow. Excused Absence: Wade Berget. Also present: Cindy Corley, John Sonsalla, Amy Prine, Dave Roelli, and Kim Winslow. Kerry Black arrived at 7:16pm.

Motion by Staver, seconded by Winslow, the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried.

Motion by Winslow, seconded by Ringen, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Reports, comments, suggestions, and recommendations from citizens present:

- Joe Boll informed the committee the new date for the Wisconsin DNR representative coming for a site visit is tomorrow, October 10, 2024 at 9:30am. They will begin at the Municipal Building, and then travel up to the Swimming Pool Park.
- Joe Boll informed the committee work has begun on the City Ball Field renovation project. The old dugouts and backstop have been removed, and the next phase will be removal/replacement of the existing backstop. They have received a quote for renovating the infield, but those involved would like to obtain a second quote, before making any decisions on the infield renovation.

Under unfinished or deferred business from the previous committee meeting:

Discussion and possible action was held regarding the proposed 2025 Wellness Center budget. Amy Prine was on hand to answer any questions regarding her budget.

A motion was made by Staver, seconded by Winslow, to reduce the Expenses category of 'Equipment/Repairs' from \$22,868.00 to \$15,000.00. Voice vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Staver, seconded by O'Brien, to reduce the Expenses category 'Miscellaneous' from \$2,500.00 to \$1,500.00. Voice vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ringen, seconded by Winslow, to allocate the remaining funds of \$778.39 in the 'Special Events' Outlay account to go to the Expenses 'Equipment/Repairs' account. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Once the review of the proposed 2025 Wellness Center Budget was completed, a motion was made by Staver, seconded by Winslow, to approve the proposed 2025 Wellness Center budget with the aforementioned approved changes, and recommend approval of the same to the City Council. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action was held regarding the proposed 2025 Park & Recreation budget. Wade Berget was unable to attend, but all necessary information was included in the agenda packets.

Wade presented the committee with two (2) proposed budget options:

Option #1 – 2025 proposed budget with the instructed 4% cost-of-living increase

Option #2 – 2025 revised budget increasing the swimming pool payroll to compensate for the 2023 wage increase that occurred after that budget was adopted.

After reviewing each budget option, a motion was made by Winslow, seconded by Heinberg, to approve proposed budget Option #2 – 2025 revised budget increasing the swimming pool payroll to compensate for the 2023 wage increase, and recommend approval of the same to the City Council, with the caveat Wade Berget attends that meeting to explain/answer any questions of the City Council regarding this revised budget. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Discussion only was held regarding bids for repairs to the Lower Shelter House. As of this date, no new bids have been received, therefore a motion was made by Lindstrom, seconded by Ringen, to table this agenda item until repair bids are received. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Discussion only was held regarding bids to resurface the tennis court/basketball court at Swimming Pool Park. As of this date, no new bids have been received, therefore a motion was made by Winslow, seconded by Lindstrom, to table this agenda items until any new bids are received. Voice vote. Motion carried.

New business or matters to be taken up by the committee – None.

Motion by Ringen, seconded by O'Brien, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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Kim Winslow, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer