

City of Baraboo  
Park & Recreation Commission  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Minutes

**Present:** Greg Wise, Roy Franzen, Denise Statz, Mike Plautz, June Dills, & Mike Hardy

Wise called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Legal posting of the agenda had been met. The Agenda was approved as printed.

Plautz motioned and Statz seconded approval of the May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes.

**New Business:**

Hardy described the Public Safety Committee's questioning the steep slope of the new Briar Street path. Wise suggested that Hardy attend the PSC meeting at the end of the month and report back to the Commission regarding their discussion so the Commission can come to a conclusion.

Franzen motioned and Plautz seconded to accept low bid of \$2,040.33 from Service Master, funds coming from the Park House Account, to remedy the mold problem at Ochsner Park House. Motion Carried.

Statz motioned and Franzen seconded to accept low bid of \$1,528.20 from Menards, funds coming from Lovely Stackhouse Estate to replace the refrigerator and freezer in the Civic Center Kitchen. Motion Carried.

Tree Board appointments and responsibilities were discussed. Hardy stated he will be working on Arboretum designs and would like the group to provide input on that project. Franzen would remain as the Commission representative along with Hardy as City Forester. Public representatives suggested included Marcy Huffaker, Dave Statz and Bruce Stewart. The Tree Board would be limited to 5 members and would take recommendations to Parks Commission for approval.

Hardy will check with nominated members of the Tree Board to set a date for an initial meeting to set a timeline for the arboretum development. It is expected that an inventory will be done first followed by a design of plantings and paths, after which cost estimates will be made and a phasing plan developed. Hardy would like to see ground broken in April 2016 as part of the City Arbor Day observance.

Wise motioned and Franzen seconded the request of Baraboo Thunder Girls Softball to place a small portable shed, approximately 8x10 at Pierce Park, location of the shed left up to Hardy's approval. Motion Carried.

Franzen motioned and Plautz seconded allowing a tent to be set up and non-alcoholic beverages sold at Nanny Park during the downtown Brew Ha Ha event on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. Motion Carried.

**Staff Report:**

May Revenue \$21,368.61

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Otter Run completed Sunday. 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Zoo Crew also completed Sunday. Updates on each will be given at the meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year EAB Treatment completed (200 trees). Approx. 400 ash trees in the ROW are now treated to resist EAB (about 32% of all ROW ash trees).
- Initial rendering of River Otter Exhibit to be built at Ochsner Park Zoo included in your packets. Friends of the Baraboo Zoo is raising funds for construction, expected at about \$300,000.
- Swimming Pool opens for the season June 12<sup>th</sup> (Friday). Several equipment upgrades were required this year, most notably the pool water heater (approx. \$25,000) and a couple thousand dollars worth of clay valves and related mechanical equipment. Both domestic water heaters are in need of replacement as well and initial estimates have that around \$17,000. (It stinks getting older☺) We are looking at alternative options.
- Donahue Apartments is getting some tuck pointing work done this summer, and will be using a couple of parking spots in Statz Park for storage beginning in late July.
- All authorizations have been secured for the Pierce Park field #5 work to begin this summer. The DNR has signed final approval to allow project to begin.

Comments from Commissioner:

Public is commenting on leaving the restrooms in the parks unlocked. They would like to see more public restroom access during the day.

Next Regular meeting: July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Statz motioned and Dills seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

June Dills – Commission Secretary