

City of Baraboo
Parks & Recreation Commission
October 12, 2015 – Minutes

Present: Greg Wise, Denise Statz, John Kewitz, Mike Plautz, Craig Schlender, Rick Luther & Mike Hardy
Also Present : City Mayor Mike Palm

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

Schlender motioned and Statz seconded approval of the September 14, 2015 minutes. Motion Carried.

Appearances:

Tim O’Keefe and Jerry Jackson offered to work on a bike route for the City. They had mapped out and initial preferred route they feel is most suited to bike safety and are willing to sit on a bike committee.

Angela McMurray was present to accept the nomination by Hardy to take over the Park Commission seat recently vacated by Dills. The Mayor would be appointing her at the October 27th City Council Meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Hardy stated that the 2016 Budget had been submitted and was under consideration by Finance Committee and would be taken up by City Council soon. No significant changes are expected from what the Commission approved in September.

New Business:

Hardy stated that the 2012-2016 CORP is entering its final year and he will need about 10 months to put together a new (2017-2021) CORP. This will include surveying residents, meeting with co-sponsor and other groups and looking at changes in area trends and opportunities. Wise noted the importance of including a youth representative on the CORP subcommittee as in the past. Statz volunteered to contact the school district for suggestions.

Wise asked O’Keefe and Jackson if they would be willing to sit on a bike route sub-committee. Both agreed. Wise asked for Commission members interested. Kewitz volunteered. McMurray volunteered to serve as well. Hardy will staff the committee and ask Police Chief Schauf or another police member to serve on the committee.

Motion by Wise, seconded by Kewitz to approve the 2016 seasonal staff wage schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Palm explained the need for additional people to volunteer to serve as officers in Committees to avoid “burnout or overload” by 1 or 2 members who might end up serving lengthy terms. Palm noted that Wise has taken increasingly responsible roles in BEDC and has a full plate. As such he is asking others to consider leadership positions in the future – both for this Commission as well as others in the City. Wise noted that he would be interested in serving another term as President, however he plans on this being his final term on the Commission when it expires in 2017. Statz moved to re-elect Wise as President, seconded by Schlender. Motion carried unanimously. Statz moved to re-elect Franzen as Vice-President, seconded by Plautz. Motion carried. Wise motioned to elect Kewitz as Secretary, seconded by Plautz. Motion carried.

Communications and Reports

September revenues were \$16,817.56

Hardy reported on:

- MARC has informed him they will be leaving Baraboo and no longer renting at the Civic Center. They were unable to get a foothold in the community they were hoping for.
- Steinhorst Park has seen a rise in dog waste being left in the park, especially on the soccer fields. Staff is putting up signs between the park and neighboring apartment buildings, where the violators have been coming from. Patrols have increased in the area.
- A new capuchin monkey was donated to the zoo.

- Fall tree planting is taking place later this month.
- Teri Fichter is retiring from the Park Department. Staff is holding a reception for her and Commission members are encouraged to attend, or send her a personal thank you for her years of service.
- Zoo Appreciation Weekend takes place October 17 & 18 from 12-4pm. All should try to attend if able.

Luther reported on 2016 swimming pool schedules. He noted that the last day of school is June 2nd, which is earlier than recent years. He noted that if staff is available, we will open a week earlier. He noted the birthdate requirements for baseball are being changed and is working with BABA and Dells Recreation to provide similar age groupings.

Next Regular Meeting: November 9th, 2015

Statz motioned and Schlender seconded to adjourn at 7:14pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Hardy
Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director