

City of Baraboo
Parks & Recreation Commission
January 18, 2016 – Minutes

Present: Greg Wise, Denise Statz, Roy Franzen, John Kewitz, Craig Schlender, Michael Plautz, Angela McMurray & Mike Hardy

Also Present : Michael Ramsey, Eric Schlender, Raine Gardner

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 Franzen seconded approval of the November 9, 2015 minutes. Motion Carried.

Appearances:

Mike Ramsey left a check of \$724.39 for 2015 Legion 5% concessions payment. Mike Ramsey said the bullpens at MRE Park are almost ready, should be done soon in 2016. Also proposed ideas for improvements to MRE Park.

Raine Gardner Proposed a Riverway plan including a map of the river in hopes this would give the city a better standing for grant approval.

New Business:

Commission discussed value of participating with West Baraboo and North Freedom to prepare a plan for the Baraboo River. Hardy discussed how the partnership would help earn points for future grant applications for Riverwalk bridge and extension, as well as canoe launch. Hardy recommended setting a “not to exceed” cost as Sauk County, North Freedom and West Baraboo had not committed to funding yet. Raine noted her fees would be \$23,000 which would be split equally. Motion to use up to \$6000 out of Park Impact Fees for Riverway Plan by Franzen. Seconded by Statz, motion passed.

Raine also proposed an MSA designed CORP assistance for Baraboo at a cost of \$14,000 Franzen motioned to accept the proposal Kewitz seconded. Motion failed 2-5.

Eight Co- sponsorship agreements were approved with little to no change. Franzen moved to accept the 8 agreements and McMurray seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion on the Riverwalk bridge project and potential stewardship grant in partnership with the Kiwanis club was discussed and projected for the 2017-2018 CORP plan. Hardy noted that leasing Spirit Point property may be possible, and the state is considering our proposal. Hardy presented an alternate Riverwalk loop plan at ¼ the cost of a bridge crossing on the east end of Riverwalk. Commission liked the idea of having both a crossing and loop in the future.

Communications and Reports

November revenues were \$11,176.55

December revenues were \$9,968.41

Hardy reported on:

- Winterfest Run needs volunteers, January 30th at 11am
- Zoo Specialist & Forestry Specialist positions announced with deadlines at end of the month
- \$1,750 grant received from ATC for the new arboretum

Next Regular Meeting: February 8, 2016

Franzen motioned and McMurray seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kewitz, Secretary