

City of Baraboo
Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Committee
June 13, 2016 – Minutes

Present: Denise Statz, Katie Cowen, Roy Statz, Jen Stewart, Tiffany Sloan, Bekah Stelling & Mike Hardy

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm, Legal Posting of the Agenda had been met. Motion to approve minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting made by Franzen, Seconded by Sloan. Motion carried.

Old Business: Committee members reviewed CORP responses. Low return of surveys concerned Hardy, but members noted that typically responses are fewer when people are more satisfied with current programs. Hardy reviewed trends from survey and some common response themes. Support for 1)Riverwalk extension and 2)Zoo expansion continued as the top requests. Number 3 was interest in a splashpad, which led to further discussion. Overall, over 90% of respondents marked satisfied or very satisfied with the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, which Hardy credited to a hard working staff and supportive Council.

Other responses of interest included several requests for more playgrounds, teen parks, extended open restroom hours and more enrichment-type recreation programs. Overall, people seem very happy with the Civic Center, Parks, Forestry and Zoo divisions. Most were happy with programming at the swimming pool but would like to see updated facilities. Recreation programming received some lower ratings with comments that on-site staff is too young, inattentive or untrained in addition to desires of more changes in program offerings.

New Business: Discussion on projects to include in 2017-2021 was tabled to allow Hardy time to assemble a draft based on survey responses as well co-sponsor group meetings in which area private sports clubs met to address their needs over the next 5 years. Additionally, Hardy will review current CORP and include any additional projects that were not completed but are still intended to be added to the parks system.

Hardy stated that the group should meet before the August Parks Commission meeting to formalize a draft plan, which would allow for changes to be made after review and stay on line for a December City Council approval.

Statz noted that she would like a full meeting to review and comment on the draft plan.

Motion to adjourn by Franzen, second by Statz.

Next Regular Meeting: August 1, 2016

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Hardy, Parks and Recreation Director