

City of Baraboo
Parks & Recreation Commission
March 14, 2016 – Minutes

Present: Denise Statz, Roy Franzen, John Kewitz, Michael Plautz, Angela McMurray, Mike Hardy & Rick Luther

Also Present : Shelley Mordini (Spook Walk at the Zoo); Kandie Beckwith, Holly Fenske & Fran Johnson (Friends of the Baraboo Zoo); Dean Skare (travelling concessions); Joe Zemanovic (Habitat for Humanity)

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

McMurray motioned and Kewitz seconded approval of the February 8, 2016 minutes. Motion Carried.

Appearances: Shelley Mordini handed out spook walk handouts and fielded questions. She would work with Hardy to make sure all zoo rules were followed to hold a Spook Walk after hours in October at the zoo.

Dean Skare wanted to sell concessions after certain sporting events in town. This generally doesn't happen as we already contract with several non-profits who sell concessions as a fundraiser for park facilities and the teams that use them, but he was given some good ideas and direction.

Joe Zemanovic, Habitat for Humanity, would like to use Pierce Park Pavilion for some work on houses that will be built in the area, as well as trailer storage in the parking lot during the build. Request will be considered in April.

Unfinished Business: Commission considered capital campaign activities for river otter exhibit. Hardy had prepared 2 campaign promotion flyers to use in soliciting donations. Friends of the Baraboo Zoo had rejected an offer for a consultant to raise the remaining \$120,000 by the end of the year and elected to raise funds themselves. In order to raise the money by the end of the year, more weight will be placed on the City due to the FOBZ rejection of a consultant. No action taken, but future brainstorming sessions will take place.

New Business: McMurray motioned to approve Mordini's Spook Walk plans at the zoo pending staff approval, Schlender seconded.

Baraboo area lacrosse wants to put up a small storage unit in Lower Oschner Park. They will come back to the board with a design idea.

Room 12/14 rent will be raised \$5/hour due to recent improvements, as well as its larger size. New rate to be set at \$15, \$20 with the new projector. Motion by Statz, second by McMurray.

Hardy brought a request from the CORP subcommittee to award five \$25 gift certificates to be given away to people that take the CORP plan survey, as incentives. McMurray motioned to approve, Schlender seconded.

Communications and Reports

February revenues were \$15,627.84

Hardy reported on:

- Damage to City View Park path by area home builder would be charged to the builder to restore to previous condition.
- New Canada Lynx arrived at the Zoo through the SSP program.
- Ellen Gallagher was hired as new Zoo Specialist. Shawn Lloyd hired as new Forestry Specialist.
- River Planning meeting (public input session) at Civic Center March 15. Commissioners encouraged to attend.

Next Regular Meeting: April 11, 2016

Franzen motioned to adjourn, Kewitz seconded. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kewitz, Secretary