

City of Baraboo  
Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Committee  
March 7, 2016 – Minutes

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

Others Present: Mayor Mike Palm, Tom Fitzwilliams (BYHA), Chris Hamm (Riptide), Chelsey Larson (Roller Derby), Dan Lewison (Thunder/HS softball), Mike Ramsey (Legion Baseball), Tom Lieberhoer (Ultimate Frisbee)

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm, Legal Posting of the Agenda had been met. Motion to approve minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting made by Sloan, Seconded by Franzen.

**Public Appearances:** Co-sponsor groups in attendance reviewed their future facility needs.

BYHA = new bleachers; HVAC system; drainage; new walls; new roof; NE expansion/entry/concessions area.

Riptide = new benches; new storage shed; new gate on S. Boulevard fence; post supports.

Roller Derby = new bleachers; roof & wall repairs; HVAC for summer use (interest in running open skate program).

Thunder/HS softball = Field #5 addition.

Legion Baseball = bleacher area renovation

Ultimate Frisbee = Additional field access; lighting; paint lines

Additionally, Hardy noted he had received requests from BABA for new dugouts, lighting and bleachers at Statz Park. He noted that Friends of the Zoo are focused on finishing up the River Otter exhibit before tackling any new projects and that BALA was requesting a storage shed at Lower Ochsner. BALA has also mentioned better access to restrooms. BSC had no immediate requests other than additional field space, preferably in a complex (similar to Steinhorst concept, but accommodate more fields) rather than spread out like many fields are now.

**New Business:** Statz noted that she had contacted BooU about any CORP they may have. They replied that they do not have a plan, just address issues and requests as they come up. She has also requested a copy of the school plans. Hardy provided a link to the Sauk County open space plan for members to review. Hardy informed the group of the 1993 grant received to build the Pierce Park Pavilion which has made many requests for improvements difficult due to requirements of the state and federal agencies that awarded the grant.

Lengthy discussion took place on developing survey questions. Mayor Palm suggested offering gift certificates as incentives to get more people to take the surveys. Members discussed various awards that could be given. Motion by Franzen to offer 4 gift certificates valued at \$35 each which could be used for programs or services offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. Second by Statz. Motion passed. Hardy added that Park Commission will need to approve of the incentive and expenditure next week before he could offer the incentive.

**Next Regular Meeting:** April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Hardy, Parks and Recreation Director