

City of Baraboo
Parks & Recreation Commission
October 10, 2016 – Minutes

Present: Roy Franzen, Michael Plautz, Angela McMurray, Mike Hardy

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

McMurray motioned and Plautz seconded approval of the September 12, 2016 minutes. Motion Carried.

Appearances: Kyle Crosby presented the annual report for the Boys and Girls Club. He noted the group's appreciation for all the Civic Center staff does to help the Club, and thanks the City for their support including reduced rent.

Jim Francis introduced himself to Commission members. Hardy explained that the mayor would be recommending his appointment to the Commission at the City Council meeting on October 11. If approved Jim would be active at the November Commission meeting. Hardy had already provided Jim with a history of the Department and copies of the CORP document for review.

New Business: Commission discussed BPAA proposal to use Myron Park land for a sculpture park. Franzen noted that it will be nice to make use of that land. Members agreed with the proposed use of the land.

Discussion on allowing BYHA to construct a privacy fence and place a portable toilet behind the Pierce Park Pavilion for high school hockey players. Motion by Franzen to allow with the understanding that Hardy will review and approve location and design of fence and that all costs would be the responsibility of BYHA. Seconded by McMurray. Motion carried.

Hardy presented draft 2017-2021 CORP document to Commission. He noted that tonight was for review only and members should make notes over the next month and come to November's meeting ready to make changes if needed and approve so that Council has time to consider before the end of the year. McMurray noted that while we have plenty of playground areas, we are lacking in 2-5 year old equipment in many parks. Other comments will be considered at next meeting.

Communications and Reports

September revenues were \$12,279.16

Hardy reported that Kraemer had begun work on the stone wall repair at Ochsner Park. Also that staff had cleared some brush at the site of the proposed pedestrian bridge at Maxwell-Potter Conservancy so that MSA could test soils. This will allow us to get a good idea of what we need to estimate for bridge costs. Kiwanis is paying for testing fees. Finally \$250,000 was awarded for the Baraboo River project from ATC grant funds made to Sauk County. The City had cooperated with West Baraboo and North Freedom on the request, which included river channelization and a canoe/kayak pier in Baraboo.

Next Regular Meeting: November 14, 2016

McMurray motioned to adjourn, Franzen seconded. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Hardy, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director