

City of Baraboo
Splashpad Advisory Committee
January 6, 2020 – Minutes

Present: Chantel Steinhorst, Angela Witczak, Owen Mergen, Stephanie Wagner, Jasmine Schoenoff & Mike Hardy

Steinhorst called the meeting to order at 5:32pm. Legal Posting of the Agenda had been met. Steinhorst welcomed members and thanked them for volunteering their time on this new committee.

Witczak moved to approve the agenda as printed, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

Action Items: Discussion took place on potential options for splashpad locations. Hardy presented aerial view maps of each park that had space for a splashpad, as well as possible locations within each park a splashpad would fit. Members discussed each park option and pros and cons of each.

After discussion, it was determined that City View Park and Pierce Park locations would not be viable proposals and were removed from consideration. The Attridge Park and Langer Park sites were initially seen as the most ideal, however if the homes on 2nd Ave. adjacent to Mary Rountree Evans Park were purchased and the Riverwalk extended (as designated in CORP) that would make MRE another very attractive option. Both MRE and Attridge also had the option of applying for a 50% LAWCON grant which was attractive, however the home purchase would likely be needed to include extra parking for the splashpad as the current MRE lot is often full during summer baseball tournaments.

After Attridge, Langer and MRE - Steinhorst and Weber were listed as potential options, however the lack of parking and restrooms at Weber was a major deterrent as it would be one of the more expensive scenarios with no grant options, unless it would be eligible for grants related to the "blight" neighborhood designation as when Lake Street received funding. Steinhorst wasn't in the best location as it is on the far west side, and does not have the potential to secure grant assistance, however the open space, restrooms and parking were attractive amenities.

Mary Hoppe Felts Park was considered and seen as a last option which will require more conversation, as expense may disqualify (lacks parking and restrooms, but has space to add), no grant funding and proximity to the backyards of several adjacent homes. Mary Hoppe remains on the low consideration list for now.

Steinhorst suggested the Committee could look at land in the industrial park near Pizza Ranch as well if a park site can't be found. Members did not discuss any non-park areas, but were open to consider if an existing park location could not be found.

Steinhorst moved to bring the discussed sites back to the next meeting for additional discussion, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting: February 3, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Wagner motioned to adjourn, Mergen seconded. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Hardy, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director