

City of Baraboo  
Splashpad Advisory Committee  
August 10, 2020 – Minutes

**Present:** Chantel Steinhorst, Angela Witczak, Robert Kappel, Jasmine Schoenoff & Mike Hardy  
Also present: Carter Arndt, MSA Professional Services, and members of the City Parks Commission

Steinhorst called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Legal posting of the agenda had been met.

Witczak motioned to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Kappel. Motion carried.

Witczak motioned to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded by Steinhorst. Motion carried.

**Action Items:**

Discussion on the 3 responses to the Feasibility Study RFP took place. Bids were submitted by Burbach Aquatic, MSA Professional Services and Parkitecture & Planning. Kappel noted he liked the experience of Burbach & MSA, but cost of Parkitecture was appealing if we could get in cheaper with the establishing company. Steinhorst agreed with cost savings importance. Schoenoff stated she would prefer to go local (MSA) but agreed that the amount of Parkitecture bid at over a \$20,000 savings for the entire project was hard to ignore. Hardy stated that he has worked with MSA on several projects and while he has not worked with Burbach, they have a great reputation for this type of project and are one of the best in the Midwest at this work. Parkitecture is a new company, but the architect who started it has a history with the City having designed the Lynx and Otter exhibits at the zoo (as SAA/Ayers Associates member). Hardy noted that he was good to work with on those and that when he was with Ayers/SAA, he had considerable experience with splashpad design as shown in his proposal. Hardy stated that he would be happy to work with any of the 3 and believed each could accomplish the Committee's goals.

Discussion continued on enthusiasm of bidders and who would best assist with fundraising and future construction. Hardy pointed out Burbach's proposal which identified a considerable amount of fundraising assistance and referendum support they have given to past projects. He also noted the fact that MSA has sent a rep to the past 2 meetings and that Carter could answer any questions they have, but as their employees live and recreate in the community, they have a vested interest in making this project happen. Hardy was unsure of what, if any, support Parkitecture may be able to provide, but added that the Committee can ask them to attend the next meeting to discuss their proposal more and detail any support they might offer.

Witczak noted that the Park Commission approved up to \$5,000 for a feasibility study (phase 1) and MSA came in over \$5,000 for phase 1, so Commission would have to find additional money to go with them. She asked members to narrow it down to 2 proposals. After discussion, it was decided that MSA and Burbach proposed similar expenses, and as MSA is local, they prefer MSA over Burbach. So members agreed to choose between MSA and Parkitecture. With approved funding only enough for Parkitecture, and the ability to save over \$20,000 for the entire project, Witczak moved to recommend Parkitecture to the Parks Commission to prepare phase 1 of the Attridge Park SplashPad Feasibility Study. Seconded by Steinhorst. Motion carried.

Witczak motioned to adjourn at 6:35pm, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

**Next Regular Meeting:** September TBD after a feasibility study contract is approved.

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