

PARKS, FORESTRY & RECREATION COMMITTEE-Minutes

Monday, November 18, 2024, 5:00 PM Meeting will be held Virtually via zoom and in person.
North Conference Room 75 N. Bonson Street, Platteville, WI

In attendance: Bob Gates, Victoria Hundhausen, Ari Ihm, Cindy Tang, Adam Bartels, Bob Lowe, Molly Zuehlke

Absent: Debi Sigwarth, Kecia King, Clint Langreck

Call Meeting to Order

Ari Ihm called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM in the north conference room at City Hall.

Citizen Comments

Jacob L. Here from the campus for an assignment through the college.

Cindy T-What is being done at Jenor Park? Old railroad ties removed replaced with blocking locking system-Bob L. has communicated this information with Jenor Tower residents.

Bob Gates-Sign @ Indian Park has been approved by the common council to pay for 5000 for the sign. The PFRC recommends that the city cap the contribution at \$5000

Approval of Minutes: October, 2024

Bob Gates moves to approve, Cindy Tang Second-Motion passed

Old Business

- a. Report from Platteville Aquatic Recreation Subcommittee

Presentation to City Council at last mtg-Survey Results show strong support from the respondents

Referendum question will be presented to City Council at next mtg for informational purposes Information being shared on plattevillepoolsurvey.com, press releases, and through many other avenues. Bob Gates has set up times in Feb to speak to local community groups including Optimist Club, Senior Center, etc. Cindy shared that we should do a press release and a picture of the meetings with the Platteville Journal ourselves to keep the community invested.

Discussion on if time of committee should be extended.

Discussions about starting some of the design work prior to referendum passing to save money.

- b. CIP Items approved

Tractor/Mowers Replacement 32,500

Playground contingency 12500-for Playground equipment

Water fountains-\$10,000-ensure they are accessible (donation from CFSW 2200)

City Park has own CIP

Security Camera \$10,000-Mound View and Pickle Ball Courts

All other requests will not be recommended by city manager/approved by council

Wish list items that were not approved:

More Heated Space: Bob L has concerns about the fact that Parks and Rec don't have a break room/office space and they lose staff d/t working environment. Example:Only restroom is through an employee's office. Not welcoming for female staff.

Mound View Campground Accessible Parking Spaces

Cindy T: Where does the money from the endowments come? Bob L. reported that he sometimes uses those for fixes under 10,000

Cindy asking if we could see the list of the endowments at the next mtg. Bob L. will share.

c. Broske fees

Bob Lowe would like to wait until January to fully review

Does the city reimburse Broske for the use in addition to the 32,000?-No per Bob L.

Bob Lowe will get us the spreadsheet and Cindy will work to determine cost per use by the city.

Bob L: Upcoming Maintenance Issue: Track for divider needs to be replaced-approx estimate 9-10,000-Cindy will talk to Sherri Engleke (original contractor)

Quilt Blocks also showing wear-need to be taken down and repainted-Adam B. will look into this.

New Business

a. Recreation Comprehensive Plan

In progress, Bob L has started talking to companies that could complete this process. We need to be in process of updating that plan in order to apply for DNR grants. Last one done 2019. Technically needs to be done every 5 year.

Staff Update

a. Platteville Inclusive Playground materials

- Canopies - have their own storage
- Fence sections order status - Bob L shared that the City tried to obtain the specific product information to order more fence panels but had not received it. According to Cindy, PIP will order spare panels since it was confirmed there aren't any in storage.
- Missing benches - Unable to locate the missing benches. Six were made and delivered to the pool parking lot area. Four were installed due to having poured cement pads. The remaining two were picked up by someone from the community but the City and the PIP Committee are unsure of who that was. Cindy shared that the PIP Committee plans to order one new bench since it has been confirmed that the two remain missing.
- Bathroom - The door on the east side bathroom at the Stone Shelter has not shut tightly/properly since install. Is it within warranty to fix?
 - Bathrooms are being winterized.

b. Activities- update from Adam Bartels

- Wed open gym going well, volleyball most active.
- Indoor walking and indoor park-both at Westview seeing more usage
- Spring Activities opened up online-few sign ups as of now.
- Scouts programs very active. Include: Frisbee Golf, Maria's Benches, Little Free Libraries-accepting book donations.

Next Meeting: December 16, 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 6:02 pm Cindy motioned, Victoria seconded

Minutes submitted by Molly Zuehlke and Ari Ihm