



PARKS, FORESTRY & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Monday, August 19, 2024, 7:00 PM

Meeting will be held Virtually via zoom and in person.
North Conference Room 75 N. Bonson Street, Platteville, WI

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Citizen Comments**
- III. Approval of Minutes: July 22, 2024**
- IV. New Business**
 - a. Time of PFRC meetings
 - b. Capital Campaign for Parks and Aquatics Facilities
- V. Staff Update**
 - a. City Park CIP
 - b. Activities
- VI. Old Business**
 - a. Aquatic Recreation Sub-committee
- VII. Next Meeting: September 16, 2024**
- VIII. Adjournment**

If attendance requires special accommodation, please contact (608) 348-9741

PARKS, FORESTRY, & RECREATION COMMITTEE Minutes

Date: Monday, July 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the Platteville Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee of the City of Platteville was called to order by Debi Sigwarth at 7:01 p.m. in the City Hall North Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bob Gates __x__, Debi Sigwarth ____x____, Ari Ihm __x__, Molly Zuehlke __x__, Cindy Tang ____, Victoria Hundhausen_____, Lucas Dresden_____

Staff in Attendance: Clint Langreck_____ Robert Lowe __x__ Adam Bartels__

Members of the Public: None

Citizen Comments

Discussion was held regarding a proposal from Parks Crew to charge a fee for transporting picnic tables. Demand for Parks Crew support for events has increased - demand comes from a mix of private and community events. Bob Gates proposed purchasing additional picnic tables that can be stored flat on a trailer for the sole use of events. Director Lowe will gather details regarding budget and additional details and will present a proposal to the committee.

Timing of the committee was discussed. Informal discussion was held regarding moving the meeting time of the PFRC to 5:00pm on the third Mondays. Will be added to the agenda for formal discussion at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Bob Gates to approve the June 2024 minutes, seconded by Molly Zuehlke. Motion carried.

New Business

Request by Main Street for New Sign at City Park. Director Lowe shared with the committee that he has been approached by the Platteville Main Street Program with a request to install a new sign at City Park that matches the new signs that were installed at various other parks a few years ago. Staff's opinion is that City Park is quite full. Discussion was held regarding the aesthetic look of the more modern signs in the other parks vs the more classical current design of City Park. Staff also shared that a CIP request for this upcoming year is to create a GIS map of City Park identifying all the elements, trees, utilities, etc. A new bubbler is planned as well as installing cameras.

STAFF UPDATE:

Platteville Inclusive Playground

a. Warranties

All copies of warranties on equipment have been received by staff. Warranties expired a year from the date of installation. Discussion was held on if fundraising for a maintenance fund was successful. Surface is expected to last 7 years.

Activities at the UWP pool

Staff reported things are going well, not a lot of complaints. Lessons are wrapping up soon. The city does not currently have an agreement with UWP for next summer.

Staff also provided an update on the Aquatic Center. Approval was received from the City's insurance company today to schedule Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) with BRAUN Intertec on site. They will do the full site of the pool up to the road and 50 feet down. Date of radar scan is pending.

Old Business

Aquatic Recreation Subcommittee

a. Review of Applicants

After reviewing the applicants, the following individuals were appointed to the Aquatic Recreation Subcommittee, voting members are identified in bold, remaining members are advisory and will not be counted towards quorum. Motion to appoint the applicants was made by Debi Sigwarth, seconded by Molly Zuehlke. Motion carried.

Bob Gates - PFRC Rep

Molly Zuehlke - PFRC Rep

Lynne Parrott - City Council Rep

Josh DeSmith

Cinda Furry

Katherine Digman Holland

Rob Serres

Angie Wright

Cody Bochenek

Dr. Lizzy Gates

Katrina Hecimovic

Kathy Kopp

Andy Pennekamp

Mary Penn

An inaugural meeting date of Monday, August 5 at 6:00pm was scheduled. A subcommittee chair will be selected at the meeting as well as the schedule of meetings.

Debi shared that she has reached out to several recently-built area pools. Cassville, Lancaster, and Richland Center have responded that they are willing to share information regarding construction and facilities designed. Debi will share their contact information with Bob Gates as he will be reaching out on behalf of the subcommittee with questions.

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING – Monday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall, North Conference Room.

Motion to adjourn by Molly Zuehlke, seconded by Bob Gates. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debi Sigwarth

Platteville Aquatic Recreation Subcommittee Minutes

Monday, August 5th, 2024 -- 6 PM

Police Department, Training Room, 165 N. 4th St, Platteville, WI

Members present: Cody Bochenek, Josh DeSmith, Cinda Furry, Bob Gates, Lizzy Gates, Kate Holland, Kathy Kopp, , Mary Penn, Angie Wright, Molly Zuehlke

Also present: Clint Langreck, Bob Lowe, Debi Sigwarth

Members absent: Katrina Hecimovic, Lynne Parrott, Andy Pennekamp, Rob Serres

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was verified by Debi Sigwart
2. Bob Gates was appointed as chairperson. Kate Holland was appointed vice chair. Lizzy Gates was appointed secretary.
3. The committee will meet the first and third Mondays of the month, except for September, in which the committee will meet on the 16th and the 30th. Molly Zuehlke made the motion to approve. Angie Wright seconded. All were in favor.

The committee will meet in person, although a zoom option will be available if needed.

4. The purpose of the committee is to come up with three courses of action for the pool. The committee is tasked with creating three distinct options for an outdoor community pool.

Committee members asked Bob Lowe questions regarding the recent assessment completed by Braun Intertec. A discussion ensued as to whether the current pool could be repaired. Bob Lowe indicated that the pool cannot be repaired.

The committee discussed that a new pool could potentially be built in phases, with a pool being built first, a slide being built a few years later, a bath house being added at a later date, etc.

At this point in time, the main issues the committee needs to determine are a) the desires of the community for a new pool and b) the location of the pool. A survey will be distributed first, followed by a Town Hall meeting.

5. Assignment One: A subcommittee of Josh, Cody, and Lizzy will meet to finalize a brief survey. The survey will be distributed prior to the next

meeting for the committee to discuss. Qualtrics is the preferred survey method. Clint will determine if the City has a Qualtrics account.

Assignment Two: Bob Lowe will look at the parcels that the city can build on and will report back to the committee.

Assignment Three: Bob Gates will disseminate a list of newly built pools in the Tri-State area and committee members will call Parks and Rec directors and ask the directors the pool interview questions disseminated at the end of the packet from this weeks' meeting. A Google doc will be created and responses will be inserted on the Google doc.

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:10.
7. Next meeting: August 19th at 5:30 at the old pool, followed by the regularly scheduled meeting at the Police Department.