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AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 At 5:15PM
Glen Park Pavilion

5:15 p.m. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Minutes of April 21, 2021 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Related Topic

ACTION ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Jim Nordgren Recognition
2. Music in Vet's Park Bench
3. Update on CIP
4. Project's Update

CALENDAR

Next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting June 16, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

*Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only.
No official Council action will be taken.*

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Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.
Virtual meeting (public via call-in as listed on agenda)

Members Present: Patricia LaRue (Chair), Sean Downing (Council Rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Matt Janquart, and Jim Nordgren, and Melissa Pedrini.
Members Absent: None.
Staff Present: Cindi Danke-*Recreation Coordinator*; Mike Stifter-*Operations Director*; Mike Noreen-*Conservation and Efficiency Coordinator and City Forester*; and Brenda Rundle-*Recreation Assistant*.
Others Present: None.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC Gaulke/Nordgren to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Continuing from an introductory discussion last month, Mike Stifter led a discussion about Park Board ideas for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects for 2022-2026. A thorough list of project ideas will be available to discuss next month.

Some members of Park Board have seen a skate park discussion on Facebook, but Park Board is not able to make it a priority at this time. This would be an opportunity for private fundraising and grants.

The newly drained Lake Louise is City land. As a first step, it has been overseeded for spring to stabilize the soil. People are advised to stay away from that muddy area for everyone's safety.

Disc Golf at Sterling Ponds was discussed, but there is still no word about permission from the DNR. A beginner's course would be safer at Sterling Ponds than at DeSanctis. It could be located at the base of the hill, avoiding wetlands.

Park Board recognizes that some City residents would like to see more ice-skating opportunities in River Falls, however Park Board is not able to make it a priority because good, smooth ice and a way to maintain it is very expensive and outdoor rinks need to be flooded around midnight which is a staffing

issue. During the winter, UWRF has public open skate for a fee twice per week at their indoor rink, but the hockey association does not offer any public open skate at their indoor or outdoor rink. Park Board thinks it would be nice if the hockey association would allow local citizens (who support them through fundraising and voting events) to skate occasionally for a fee, even if it's at random, occasional times that could be posted online.

Downing suggests adding a dog park at DeSanctis and/or Sterling Ponds.

Public Works projects on the schedule include crack filling at the Glen Park Pickleball Courts in preparation for resurfacing next summer, getting the pool and splash pad ready, re-doing a trail section at Hoffman Park, reseeding at the new jug handle, and ash tree removal around town to stay ahead of Emerald Ash Borer. At DeSanctis Park, the schoolhouse will be re-sided, and a bathroom will be installed. The east trail project there is scheduled for mid-May. Last week Public Works staff cleared up a lot of underbrush and buckthorn at Larson Park, while saving the best trees. A small playground will be installed at Knollwood Park in 2022, and the City may work with a local resident on installing a half basketball court there.

New City Forester Mike Noreen spoke about putting 125 bare root trees into the gravel bed for use this fall, and he led tree-planting events with schools and other groups. School groups, businesses, and clubs have also been doing some clean-up projects around town.

Cindi Danke gave an update on summer projects and programs. Recreation activities are filling up, and shelter reservations are way up this year. The Hoffman Park Campground is now open for the season. The dump station is now \$5.00. It was \$2.00 for many years. It is free for paid campers.

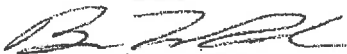
OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Janquart/Gaulke to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle
Recreation Assistant



Music in the Park



To: Cindi Danke

From: Music in the Park Committee (Tom Bentz, Dennis Cooper, Laura Farley, Stu Janis, David Markson, Jeff Wesley)

Subject: Bench/Canopy in Veterans Park

Music in the Park (MIP) has been a fixture in downtown River Falls for well over 25 years. Produced by the River Falls Community Arts Base (CAB), the series excites and entertains crowds of people in Veterans Park during the summer months. The musicians are professionals paid by CAB, and the series serves the River Falls community, with typical concerts having attendance of 100 or more people.

The MIP stage is surrounded by a bench that also serves as the structure and storage space for the canopy that provides cover for performers on the stage. In addition to MIP concerts, the stage and canopy are used for performances by the high school music program, summer recitals by Brickhouse Music students, and music at Art on the Kinni. Various other groups have used it for events such as pottery and other art demonstrations. The bench itself serves any park user who wants to sit there for a meal, watch the river, or just take a load off their feet. An indirect but equally important benefit of MIP comes from attendees who come downtown for concerts and patronize downtown businesses as part of their visit.

The bench and canopy were originally installed and paid for by CAB at no cost to the city. After many years of service, the bench has begun to fall into disrepair and needs replacing. MIP has obtained two estimates for the repair work, and we're planning to go with the vendor who gave us the lower estimate of \$7,450.

We believe the bench is an asset to the community. It's in a city park but the city hasn't had to contribute to its upkeep, thus we're asking the city to cover all or part of the cost of the rebuild. MIP typically solicits donations at performances to help cover the cost of the series, but we don't bring in anything near the amount we're discussing here. We hope that you agree that the canopy/bench is an asset to the community. As a fixture in a city park, its upkeep to date has been done solely through volunteer effort and the CAB organization. We ask that the Park Board advocate for us in the effort to seek funding support from the city for this renovation project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Hello Laura,

Thank you for reaching out to me about this project. The project is redecking the band shell bench in Veteran Park located down town River Falls, Wisconsin. I pulled together a materials list and went with the highest quality, maintenance free materials as you requested.

Quote:

Complete Materials

Complete Labor

Complete clean up

= \$7450.00

I am told the materials would take about two weeks to arrive as they would be a "special order". If you decide to hire me for this job, I would order the materials right away. Once materials are delivered, I would be able to start on the project right away. Please let me know if you have any questions.

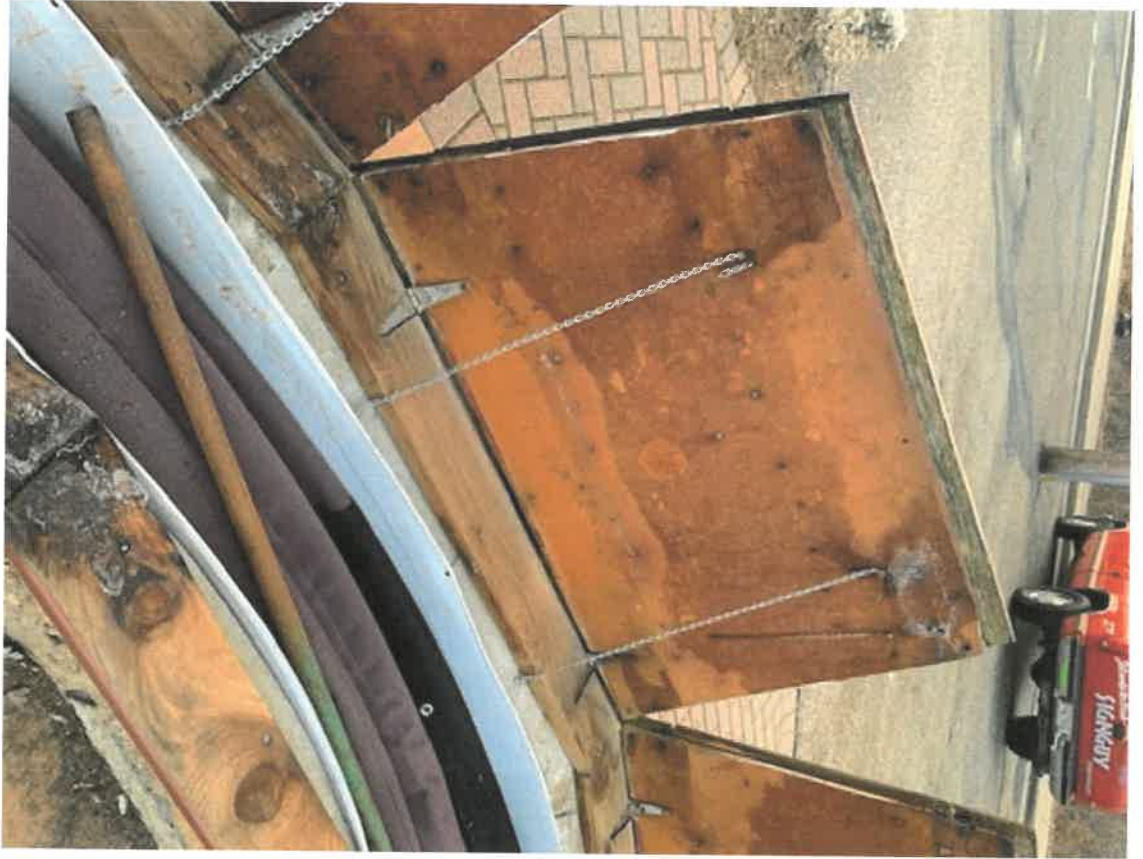
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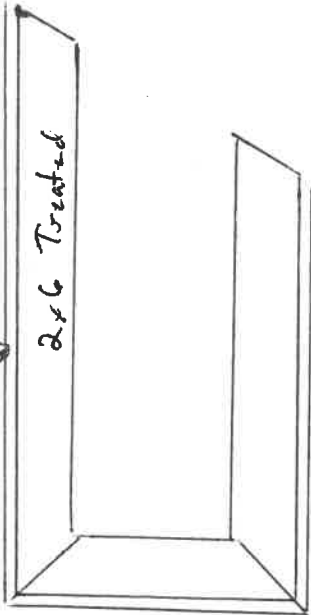
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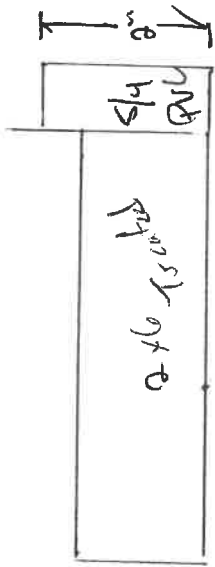
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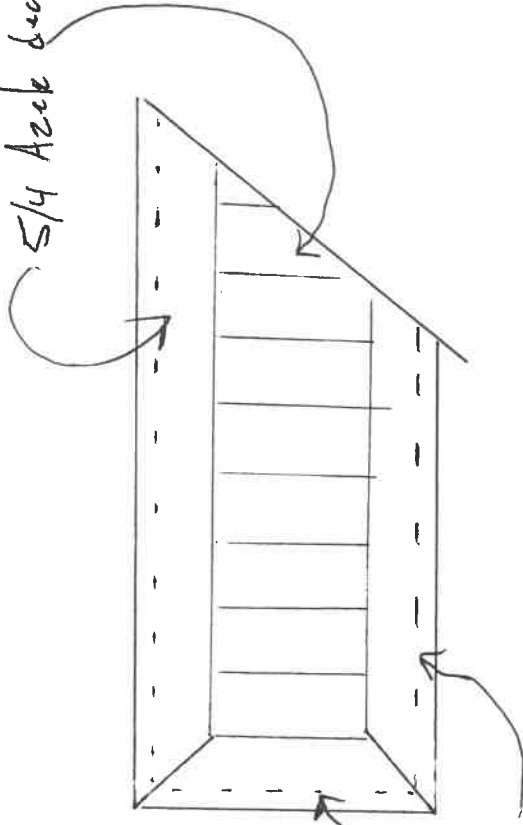
Ascle 5/4 + 2" facing



Frame



5/4 Ascle bedens



Doors

5/4 PVC
15' sub'

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BUILDING & DESIGN LLC 

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April 30, 2021

To whom it may concern,

Petta Building & Design LLC proposes to supply all material and labor for the work listed below. The work will take place at **Veterans Park in River Falls WI 54022.**

- Replace bench/canopy cover
 - Remove existing bench/canopy top
 - Does not include stone
 - Carpentry: frame, decking
 - Install treated frame
 - Fastened to existing stone
 - Face treated frame with 5/4 PVC
 - Attached 5/4 PVC decking over plywood frame (tops/doors)
 - Install new hinges
 - Install new chains
 - Azek PVC decking to be used (5/4 Harvest collection-slate grey, brown, Kona)
 - Dispose of waste materials

Total estimated cost as listed above: \$8,922.00

Comments

- ❖ Building permit *not* included
- ❖ Pressure treated framing materials
- ❖ Staining not included

Prices in this proposal are good for 10 days from 4/28/2021. Upon acceptance of this proposal, 50% down payment is required to schedule/start the project. Final payment will be due on completion of the project.

Thank you for this opportunity to work with you!

Owners acceptance: _____ Date: _____

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By signing you are stating you have the authority to approve of the work above.

Notice:

Any repairs that are unseen at this point will be brought to your attention, pictured, shown to you, and then proceeded on with your consent. These repairs will be billed separately, and done on a time and material basis. Hourly rate is set at \$60.00/Hr. per worker unless another licensed professional is needed then their rate will apply.