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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, February 17, 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.

Members Absent: Melissa Pedrini.

Staff Present: Mike Noreen-*Conservation and Efficiency Coordinator and City Forester*; Sam Wessel-*Planner*; Brandy Howe-*Senior Planner*; Mike Stifter-*Operation Director*; Amy White-*City Clerk*; 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 December 16, 2020 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Welcome to new Park Board member Matt Janquart.

NEW BUSINESS

Planner Sam Wessel updated Park Board about disc golf in Sterling Ponds. The Sterling Ponds Park Plan (2020) and Park and Recreation Advisory Board support the development of disc golf on Sterling Hill. If the project is approved by the DNR and City Council, the course could be constructed and operated by the River Falls Disc Golf Club on City-owned land subject to a future memorandum of understanding (MOU) that outlines City and Disc Golf Club responsibilities (similar to Kinnickinnic Off Road Cyclists (KORC) trails at Whitetail Ridge, where City-owned land is open to public outdoor recreation using volunteer-built facilities). When WDNR's approval process is complete, City staff will update the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and River Falls Disc Golf Club with next steps. The dog park idea is still open ended.

As the new City Forester, Mike Noreen would like to create an ad hoc Tree Advisory Board to help him meet the needs of the community, especially with the large Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) mitigation plan, which will have a significant impact on the community. Having a Tree Advisory

board is also benefit when submitting applications for grants or Tree City USA. The board would report to the Park Board and share minutes. No significant costs are anticipated. No by-laws have been created yet.

MSC Gaulke/Dobbartin to approve an ad hoc Tree Advisory Board to be put together to advise and assist the City Forester. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Nordgren/Janquart to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Rundle", written in a cursive style.

Brenda Rundle
Recreation Assistant