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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, July 20, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.
Glover Schoolhouse-DeSanctis Park

Members Present: Patricia LaRue (Chair), Sean Downing (Council Rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, and Melissa Pedrini.

Members Absent: Matt Janquart.

Staff Present: Cindi Danke-*Recreation Coordinator*; Mike Stifter-*Public Works Director*; Amy Peterson-*Community Development Director*; Brenda Rundle-*Recreation Assistant*.

Others Present: Ben Fochs-*local citizen*; Andrew Reese-*River Falls Disc Golf Club*; Heidi Heinze-*Historic Preservation Commission*; Jonas Selb-*Boy Scout*

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC Pedrini/Dobbertin to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting as amended. Carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Boy Scout Jonas Selb shared his idea to build a kiosk for the dog park as his Eagle project. He showed a simple sketch, and Park Board encouraged him to move forward with his planning and visit Park Board again next month with a drawing and map, list of materials, prices, and fundraising ideas for a vote on a final motion to approve his plan.

Heidi Heinze of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) shared plans to replace the old brown Cascade Mill sign that is currently located near the Swinging Bridge with a new sign between the pool and swinging bridge, where there is currently a bench under a light. The bench would be moved to the other side of the path. She shared a draft of the information. This might be the first of a few new historic signs around town. It would be 6' or 7' long and about 3' deep, with photos and captions plus a general narrative. They would like to get it done this

year. Park Board would like to see a final draft and layout with photos before HPC places the order.

Glover School house renovations are in progress and should be done by the end of 2021. School kids should be able to use it for activities beginning in spring of 2022. Historical photos may be considered for the interior walls.

HPC believes the Foster Cemetery and lime kilns may potentially be eligible for the national register of historic places. They are hoping to have a state historic preservation officer evaluate certain local homes this fall and would like to have the officer check Foster Cemetery and the lime kilns as well.

The historic photos for the Glen Park Pavilion exterior are currently in production.

Amy Peterson shared that the WI DNR approved disc golf at Sterling Ponds mound. It needs to go to Plan Commission in September to find out about conservancy, then on to City Council. The City will need a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the City and the disc golf group, similar to what the City has with Kinni Off Road Cyclists (KORC). In the CIP, the project is approved with funding coming from the group. Reese said the intention is that the disc golf group would handle maintenance for at least the first five years. The disc golf group may have some future large tournaments and fundraisers to pay for improvements.

Amy Peterson also updated Park Board about the RFP for a Comprehensive Plan, a Bike and Pedestrian Plan, and an Outdoor Recreation Plan. Proposals are due at the end of July. A committee will review proposals in August. The top two will be interviewed and recommended to City Council.

Mike Stifter updated Park Board about Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects. He shared a list of possible projects and dollar amounts budgeted for 2022-2026. Park Board should share any thoughts before this goes to City Council for final approval this fall.

CALENDAR

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be August 18, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Dobbertin/Gaulke to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle
Recreation Assistant