

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 6, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Besaw, Lori Dean, John Faucher, Dennis Herter, Bob Marcks

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Rob Way (excused), Henrica Bult

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom O'Connell, Mike Barrington

OTHERS PRESENT: Chad Hoerth, Parks & Recreation Director
Kent Hager, City Administrator
Michelle Lambrecht, Administrative Assistant
Richard Johnson, New London Access Cable Producer
Kevin Conradt, Wayne Van Stratten, Terry Dorshner; Shadows on the Wolf

Besaw called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m. Dean moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Herter. *Motion carried by all.*

Public comment(s) relevant to items on the Agenda: None

Discussion for acceptance a donation of site improvement at River Road for improved shoreline access: Shadows on the Wolf representatives provided an explanation of their proposed shoreline improvements to the Embarrass River at the north end of River Road. Improvements include building an accessible fishing platform and an accessible parking area with a hard surface path to access the fishing platform. The group would also create a path to the river for kayak and canoe access. Hoerth briefly indicated the anticipated future maintenance costs that would occur with this project if the city would accept these improvements. Shadow representatives said they could begin building as early as May of 2018, pending the river height, and be complete in 2-3 days.

Dean made a motion, seconded by Marcks that City Council consider accepting a donation of site improvements at River Road for accessible shoreline access. *Motion carried by all.*

Review and possibly recommend for approval a lease agreement for the bait shop property at Riverside Park: The lease for the bait shop property at Riverside Park is to expire on April 15th, 2018. Hoerth explained that the relationship between the owner, John Faucher, and the City has been positive and sees no reason why this agreement should not be extended. Hoerth recommended renewing the lease agreement as written for another 6 years.

Dean moved, seconded by Marcks to recommend that Council approve a 6 year lease agreement extension for the bait shop property at Riverside Park. *Motion carried 4-0 with Faucher abstaining.*

General discussion about the New London Access (New London's Municipal PEG Channel): Johnson briefly talked about the cable access program and indicated future needs/upgrades to some of the equipment. Staff talked about how videos have been intergraded with You Tube for easy viewing. Johnson also offered a quick tour of the renovated cable studio for committee members.

Director's Report: There were no questions on the monthly reports and statistics. Hoerth briefly discussed a comparison of the natural gas usage of the new municipal garage over the old municipal garage.

The following years of service were recognized: Julia Martinson (Assistant Aquatics Manager), completed 9 years of service, January 20th.

Chairman's Report. None

Committee Member's Report: None

Next Month Agenda Items: None

Dean moved to adjourn; seconded by Faucher @ 6:05 p.m. *Motion carried by all.*

Chad R. Hoerth
Director of Public Services