

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 4th, 2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Tate, Romberg, Morack, Herter

OTHERS: Director Hoerth, Administrator Hager, O'Connell, Herminath, Henke

Vice Chair Tate brought the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m. following the Public Works Committee meeting.

1. Morack moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Herter. Motion passed by all.
2. The committee talked about the New London to Seymour trail and whether or not the City should support the proposal to allow ATV access on the trail. Discussion took place whether ATV access would be any beneficial to the city and if the ATV trailhead should be inside the city limits. Motion made by Morack seconded by Romberg recommending that the City Council pass a resolution notifying Outagamie County of the City's support of ATV access on the New London to Seymour trail. Motion passed by all.
3. Hoerth reported on meetings and room rentals that take place in the library vs. the Washington Center. The Library does not charge fees for the use of their meeting room where as the Washington Center does. Romberg suggested that the city investigate uniform fees for all city owned meeting rooms.
4. The City received 3 bids for the splash pad project. Neuman pools, from Beaver Dam WI, came in as the low bidder at \$39,408.00. Hoerth provided an updated estimated total project budget at \$103,703.00. Hoerth also recommended that concrete stain be added to the splash pad for color and the fence posts be concreted for support in instead of simply driven in. Romberg requested some type of tracking to see what type of usage the splash pad receives once it opens. Motion made by Herter seconded by Morack to recommend that the City Council award the splash pad project to Neuman pool.
5. The committee reviewed a draft copy of the City's 1999 Open Space and Recreation Plan. Morack stated that he would like to see this plan updated to show all type of activities that are available in the area with related information on any groups or clubs associated with that activity. Morack also added that he would like these groups or clubs to help create the plan by meeting with them on a yearly basis. The plan would also incorporate long term planning for each park and which activities each park is designed for.

6. Hoerth reported on his investigation of the reduction in the 2007 pool revenue. The pool ran two less sessions of swim lesson in 2007, which was a loss of over \$5,000 and had less people attend open swim possibly due to the removal of the wading pool.
7. The committee discussed options for gaining more citizen input for Park and Recreation decisions and felt involving the community in an updated Open Space and Recreation plan would fulfill this request.
8. Director's Report:
 - a. The committee recognized Dan Kepner (Park Caretaker) for his 9 years of service to the city.
 - b. Hoerth reported that he was working with the splash pad donor in regards to their recognition and there was no new update as of this time.
 - c. The committee was provided a copy of the SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities & Threats) report that the department completed for committee discussion.
9. Chairman's report – no report given
10. Committee member's report – no report given
11. Monthly pool reports were provided
12. Monthly Senior Center activity were reports provided
13. New Business- no new business
14. No items suggested for next month's agenda

Morack moved to adjourn, seconded by Herter. Motion carried by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.