

# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 19, 2014

5:00 PM

Hall of Fame Room



Present: Alderpersons: Tricia Suess, Michael Engelberger, Sonny Swangstu, Pat O'Connor, and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch

Guests:

## 1. Call to Order

By Engelberger at 5:00 PM

## 2. Approval of October 20, 2014 Minutes

*Motion by Suess, seconded by O'Connor, to accept the minutes from October 20, 2014 with changes. Motion passed 4-0.*

## 3. Communications

The committee talked about the use of the high school pool for residents.

## **Old Business**

### 4. Projects Update

The Racetrack Park parking lot lighting will be completed before the end of the year.

The Veteran's Park tennis court will be completed in the spring.

The Arnett property transaction to the City is complete.

## **New Business**

### 5. Snowmobile Trails

Each year the Public Safety Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee review the request from the Viking SnowDrifters Club to allow the crossing at Roby Road for access to BBGs, Culvers, Arby's, Deak's and PDQ, as part of their trails. This item was passed by the PSC on October 22.

*Motion by Suess, seconded by Swangstu to approve the crossing at Roby Road for access to BBGs, Culver's, Arby's, Deak's and PDQ, as part of the Viking SnowDrifters Club trails. Motion passed 4-0.*

### 6. Yahara River Trail Extensions

Lynch is working with representatives from Skaalen and Stoughton Hospital to extend the Yahara River Trail across those properties. Ultimately a trail along the river to the Pedestrian Bridge would be ideal. The Hospital has plans to run a trail from Ridge Street to the river on the west side of their buildings. Members of the River Task Force were joined by John Halverson and Darren Mash (Dane County Parks) met with Skaalen residents about the idea. Reviews were mixed. The process continues.

A trail loop in Amundson Park, behind the disc golf course, along the river, has received attention and will be ready as a mowed grass path next summer.

### 7. Troll Beach Equipment Request

Lynch requested that the larger plastic slide at Troll Beach be removed. Last summer there was an accident involving a small girl falling on the ladder. Both CVMIC and the Safety Committee felt the slide was safe for use, but Lynch would rather remove it and in its place purchase and install two inflatable water slides using the resources in the pool equipment sinking fund. He feels that

even though there has only been the one accident in 14 years, there is less risk and more opportunities with the proposed purchase.

*Motion by Suess, seconded by O'Conner to recommend to Council to recommend removing the large slide and replacing it with three sections of inflatable waterslide sections at a cost not to exceed \$12,000, with funds to come from the sinking fund for pool replacement equipment. Motion passed 4-0.*

#### 8. Future Agenda Items

Policies

Projects Update

Youth Center Update

#### 9. Adjournment

Motion made by Suess and seconded by O'Conner to adjourn at 5:40. Motion passed 4-0.

### **Public Hearing on Comprehensive Parks and Open Space Plan**

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6:00 PM

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Guests:

#### 1. Call to Order

By Engelberger at 6:00 PM

#### 2. Review of Plan Highlights and Changes

Lynch led the committee through a narrative of the highlights and changes in this plan.

#### 3. Questions and Comments

Other than the committee members, there were no other citizens present for the public hearing. There were 6 comments generated from a request through the paper and email. The comments reiterated the desire for more trail connections.

#### 4. Final Committee Recommendation

*Motion by Suess, seconded by O'Connor to recommend to Council to approve the Comprehensive Parks and Open Space Plan 2014-2018. Motion passed 4-0.*