

# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday May 20, 2014

5:30 PM

Hall of Fame Room



Present: Alderpersons: Tricia Suess, Michael Engelberger, Sonny Swangstu, Mayor Donna Olson and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch

Guests:

## 1. Call to Order

By Engelberger at 5:30 PM

## 2. Approval of April 21, 2014 Minutes

*Motion by Suess, seconded by Engelberger, to accept the minutes from April 21, 2014. Motion passed 4-0.*

## 3. Communications

Karly Frey is our new intern. She is from Cambridge and attends UW-Whitewater.

Committee changed meeting time to 5:00 PM but remains on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

## **Old Business**

### 4. Parks and Open Space Plan Update

The public input for the Parks and Open Space Plan will consist of digital comments as well as inviting the public to review the document at a future meeting.

### 5. Smoking in the Parks

After reviewing the local survey, the committee stayed with its feeling that prohibiting smoking in outdoor spaces was not appropriate at this time.

Suess suggested trial signage at Veterans Park that would ask smokers to be considerate of others in playground areas as well as adding a cigarette butt receptacle.

*Motion by Suess, seconded by Swangstu, to recommend to Council to place a cigarette butt receptacle and a sign asking people to "please refrain from smoking near playgrounds when children are present" in Veterans Park as a one year trial. Motion passed 4-0.*

## **New Business**

### 6. Norse Park Easement Request Update

Lynch updated the committee that a contract was received from AT&T, for the placement of a box at Norse Park. The item will be going to Council on May 27.

### 7. CA/CP Policies Update

Lynch will bring policies to the next meeting for update, deletion or no change.

### 8. Opera House Event in Rotary Park

The committee discussed the Opera House event on Rotary Park. The use of the park is consistent with other events in Mandt, Racetrack and Norse.

*Motion by Suess, seconded by Swangstu, to recommend to staff to move forward with event approvals with support from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Motion passed 3-0.*

### 9. Mandt Marketplace Request

The Mandt Park Marketplace is looking for a more visible location. Lynch suggested Division St. Park. Questions about number of units and space led this item to being tabled for more information.

10. Youth Center Update

Lynch presented the attendance for May and talked about FSAYC board restructuring.

11. Future Agenda Items

Parks and Open Space Plan

Review and action on all Recreation policies

Schedule park tour

Veteran's Park monument addition

*Motion made by Suess, seconded by Swangstu to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Motion passed 3-0*