

# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday April 21, 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.

### 7. 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.

Lynch suggested signage that would ask smokers to be considerate of others in playground areas

On November 18, 2013, the Committee passed the agreement with this motion pending attorney review:

*Motion by Swadley, seconded by Engelberger, to recommend to Council to approve the agreement with the Stoughton Area Baseball Association for use of the high school baseball field during the summer. Motion passed 4-0.*

Attorney Dregne made several word adjustments to the document but did not change the content.

*Motion by Suess, seconded by Swangstu, to recommend to Council, to approve the agreement with the Stoughton Area Baseball Association. Motion passed 4-0.*

## **New Business**

### 8. Easement Request

Bob Rogers, Property Acquisition Agent for Mi-Tech Services is requesting on behalf of AT&T-Wisconsin, to acquire a 12' X 8' easement area on Kriedeman Dr. to place a Vrad cabinet to provide fiber optic service to the area. The cabinet would measure 50"W x 56.5"D x 48"H and would be mounted on a concrete pad. The remainder of the easement area would be grass. The brush within the easement area would be removed and a retaining wall, as needed, would be constructed with landscaping timber. AT&T is offering \$500.00 for the easement.

There is currently a smaller unit on the same location. There is no official easement for the use of this area. Rogers believed that at the time of placement these items were handled more informally.

Lynch feels the request does not negatively affect the park and supports the easement.

*Motion by Suess, seconded by Engelberger, to direct required staff to approve the use of the space in Norse Park as requested. Motion passed 4-0.*

9. Smoking in Parks Discussion

The committee discussed a request for no smoking in parks from a resident near Veteran's Park. She felt that it wasn't healthy for her child to be at the playground when there was smoke present. Staff was asked to provide information from other local cities on this subject for the next meeting. This item is being tabled until next month.

10. Youth Center Update

Lynch presented the attendance for March and the recently applied for grants.

11. Future Agenda Items

Parks and Open Space Plan

Smoking in Parks

Easement Request Update

2014 Projects Update

*Motion made by Suess, seconded by Engelberger to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Motion passed 2-0*