

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

5:30 PM

Hall of Fame Room



Present: Alderpersons: Tricia Suess, Michael Engelberger, and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch

Guests: Jon Lewis

1. Call to Order

By Suess at 5:40 PM

2. Approval of February 17, 2014 Minutes

Motion by Engelberger, seconded by Suess, to accept the minutes from February 17, 2014.

Motion passed 2-0.

3. Communications

None

Old Business

4. Parks and Open Space Plan Update

The Parks and Open Space plan is nearly completed. The maps are finished, save for a couple changes. The plan will be completed and reviewed at the next meeting.

5. Park Reservation Policy

The committee reviewed the policy and suggested changes that include the addition of Stoughton Rotary Park and Norse Park as well as other changes to words and layout. There was discussion about the value of allowing glass bottles for the Gazebo events. In the end the committee decided to not push for a policy change in that area.

Motion by Engelberger, seconded by Suess, to recommend to Council to implement changes to the Park Reservation Policy/ Procedure Manual, that include the addition of Stoughton Rotary Park and Norse Park as well as other changes to words and layout.. Motion passed 2-0.

6 Riverbank Restoration

Lynch recommended returning the DNR grant that didn't address the bank restoration needs in Division St Park. The grant was for a trail along the river that doesn't make sense unless there is a connection from the park to the downtown. Lynch also recommended holding off this summer on the riverbank restoration pending a grant that is due next February. The grant initially was due on May 1, but was moved by the DNR. Karl Manthe feels that with better control of the river flow, there is less chance of erosion than in the past. He also recommends waiting and having a chance to supplement the cost with a grant.

Motion by Engelberger, seconded by Suess, to direct staff to return the DNR grant and hold off on the riverbank restoration until 2015. Motion passed 2-0.

New Business

7. Youth Center Update

Lynch presented the attendance for February and talked about upcoming changes in the Friends of the Stoughton Area Youth Center board. The focus will shift to more fund raising than construction and programming. Suess asked that expanded Saturday hours be discussed at the next FSAYC meeting.

8. Future Agenda Items

Parks and Open Space Plan

Contract with the Stoughton Area Baseball Association

2014 Projects Update

Motion made by Engelberger, seconded by Suess to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Motion passed 2-0