

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday July 22, 2015

4:30 PM

Ed Overland Room



Present: Alderpersons: Tom Selsor, Sonny Swangstu, Regina Hirsch, and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch

Guests: John Halverson

1. Call to Order

By Swangstu at 4:30 PM

2. Approval of June 24, 2015 Minutes

The minutes were not included in the packet. Approval will take place next meeting.

3. Communications

None

Old Business

4. Projects Update

Division St. Park River Bank Restoration

Last night the River and Trails Task Force voted 7-0 to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Committee to enter into an agreement with Aaron Steber of Cardno for a riverbank restoration in Division St. Park. The plan consists of stone at the water line with native vegetation plantings on the bank sloping back at a 3-1 or 2-1 ratio (approximately 10-12 feet back from the water line). There will also be one or two stone extensions for the purpose of diverting water from the bank and creating a fishing habitat. The funds currently held in the CIP of \$51,000 will be sufficient to cover the cost of the project. Consensus from last night's joint meeting favored holding off the construction until the spring.

This plan was supported by the Street Superintendent and the Parks Maintenance Supervisor.

This item is being tabled until next meeting.

Amundson Trail

We are in the process of applying for a Dane County grant to cover 50% of the trail extension from Amundson Park to Stoughton Hospital. A preliminary application is due at the end of this month with the grant deadline in September.

Lynch will be applying for a grant from the Bryant Foundation for the remainder of the costs.

There will be a meeting between the Hospital the Skaalen home and the City to work out the agreements for the land use.

Troll Beach

We are on pace to match the record revenues from last season. Struggled to get enough lifeguards this season. Our pay is less than surrounding communities. I added \$0.50 an hour through the budget process. This may or may not be enough to attract more guards for next year. Madison currently advertises \$14.00 per hour compared to our average of \$9.50. We also lose guards to Bergamont and Edgerton.

New Business

5. Large Park

We have placed an item for a large community park in the 2020 CIP to meet the request from Council also supported in the Parks and Open Space Plan. The 12 acre park is estimated at \$40,000 per acre (based on a recent city purchase) and is sized to match a property adjacent to Racetrack Park.

6. Policies

No discussion or action

7. Sport Group Field Use

Youth Soccer is planning to include 5 years olds in their program. This group has been part of the Recreation program in the past. The committee felt that age group should be in a less competitive development program provided by the Recreation Department. Lynch will bring an adjusted contract to the next meeting.

8. Trail Segment Naming

The River and Trails Task Force is recommending that the trail section from the Pedestrian Bridge to the current end of the trail in Business Park, be named the "Helen Johnson Trail". The Park Naming Policy will be followed in this process.

Motion by Selsor, seconded by Hirsch, to recommend to Council to name the section of the Yahara River Trail from the pedestrian bridge to the industrial park, the "Helen Johnson Trail". Motion passed 3-0.

9. Future Agenda Items

Project Updates
Policies Discussion

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Selsor, seconded by Hirsch to adjourn at 6:00. Motion passed 3-0.