

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee Minutes of November 13, 2014

Meeting called to order by John White, Jr. at 5:30 p.m. in room 108 in City Hall Plaza, 630 S. Central Avenue.

Present: John White, Jr.; Jane Yaeger; Rich Reinart; Chris Viegut; Kristy Palmer and Alderman Tom Buttke

Excused: None

Absent: None

Also Present: Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director; Kelly Cassidy, Parks & Recreation Supervisor; Tara Mannigel and Tammy Simon, Marshfield Youth Soccer Association officers.

PR14-34 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Yaeger to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting.

Motion Carried 6-0

Public Comments: None

The committee set Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in room 108 for the date and time of their next meeting.

Tara Mannigel and Tammy Simon presented information regarding the MYSA's request to install player shelters on Figi and Weinfurtner Fields at Greise Park. They would like to complete the shelters on Figi Field in the spring of 2015 and the shelters on Weinfurtner Field in either the fall of 2015 or spring of 2016. Funding for the project will be provided from the Marshfield High School, Columbus High School and the Marshfield Youth Soccer Association. The Parks and Recreation Department may assist in the installation of the concrete pad or other elements of the project. They provided information on two styles of player shelters; a wood construction type and a prefabricated style. They shared the pros and cons of each style. A poll of the coaches indicated a strong preference for the wood construction style and it is felt to be less expensive. Many of the area fields where the school teams hold games have the player shelters. Committee members expressed concerns about possible field damage during the construction, possible player safety depending on proximity to field and fully completing the structures versus phasing the construction.

PR14-35 Motion by White, seconded by Palmer to approve moving ahead with the design and installation plans with the approval by the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor and to report back to the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee for approval to proceed with any additional required city approvals.

Motion Carried 5-1 Viegut voted no

Englehart reviewed the volunteer services that have been offered by Staab Construction Corporation and Schalow's Nursery to assist in the construction of the new Grizzly Bear Exhibit. Staab Construction is offering Construction Manager Advisor services and Schalow's Nursery is offering to provide the landscape design services. Both would be at no cost to the City. Englehart reviewed briefly the decision to bid the project as a single prime bidder versus multiple bid packages. With the single prime bid method, many of the items listed by Staab Construction in their letter would not be needed; however, their service will be very valuable to the project beginning with the conceptual estimating of the design development plans prior to the completion of the final bid documents by HGA. The donation of both of these services will provide a cost savings to the project.

PR14-36 Motion by White, seconded by Reinart to recommend approval and acceptance of the volunteer services from Staab Construction and Schalow's Nursery for the Grizzly Bear Exhibit to the Board of Public Works.

Motion Carried 6-0

Information Items:

Staff updated the Committee on their respective areas of responsibility and answered questions regarding the monthly report. Cassidy commented that senior bingo held at the library while the Senior Center was being used for voting went well. Approximately 38 individuals participated. Englehart informed the committee that the DNR completed the stocking of large bass in the upper and lower ponds at Wildwood Park today at no cost to the City. Earlier they provided bluegills and crappies to both ponds. Buttke and Palmer stated that the Zoological Society held their annual meeting in October. Volunteer and sponsor awards were presented and officers were elected. The Zoological Society will again be holding their spring education program for area school children. Cassidy commented that thank you letters were sent to all Fall Soccer Volunteer Coaches and to the participants and sponsors of the Senior Health Fair. Englehart briefly discussed the 2015 City budget that is currently scheduled for a public hearing later in November, along with adoption. There were a number of minor reductions by the City Administrator prior to sending his budget for consideration by the Common Council. The largest reduction was the elimination of the Zoo Maintenance Building. Staff hopes that it can be funded in 2016. They are working on alternatives for 2015.

Committee Member Questions, Comments, and Suggestions: White shared information regarding the George Wilson Service award that Englehart received last week at the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association annual conference. Yaeger commented that Jim Wein will be able to attend the November 25th Common Council meeting to receive the Volunteer of the Year award.

Future Agenda Items: Approval of the 2015 schedule of fees and charges.

PR14-37 Motion by Yaeger, seconded by Palmer to adjourn.

Motion Carried 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Ed Englehart, Parks & Recreation Director