Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee Minutes of August 11, 2011

Meeting called to order by Jim Wein, chairperson, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 108 of City Hall Plaza, 630 S. Central Avenue.
Present: Jim Wein, Tom Oettiker, Jane Yaeger, and Alderman Tom Buttke.
Excused: Chris Viegut, Julie Smith, and Brenda Baur
Absent:
Also Present: Ed Englehart, Parks & Recreation Director; Kelly Cassidy, Parks & Recreation Supervisor; Ben Steinbach, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor; Keith Meacham, and Dustin Feltz.

PR11-28 Motion by Oettiker, seconded by Yaeger to approve the minutes of the July 14th meeting.
Motion Carried 4-0

Public Comments: None

The committee set Thursday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time of their next meeting.

Englehart presented a request from the Historic Preservation Committee to remove the barb wire and barb arms from the fence around the 2442 Steam Locomotive.
PR11-29 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Oettiker to approve the request and for park staff to remove barb wire and barb arms from fence around the 2442 Locomotive display.
Motion Carried 4-0

Englehart introduced Dustin Feltz, H.H.O.J. Team Leader, who presented a request to close the Marshfield Skate Park from noon to 6:00 p.m. on October 8th for a skate park competition that will be open to the public. He also requested that if a rain date is needed, to close the skate park on October 15th from noon to 6:00 p.m.
PR11-30 Motion by Yaeger, seconded by Buttke to approve the request to close the skate park for the competition on October 8th with a rain date of October 15th
Motion Carried 4-0

Englehart presented a request from the Historic Preservation Committee to have the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee indicate their concurrence for the Historic Preservation Committee to submit an application(s) for the Oak Avenue Community Center to be placed on the local, state and national Registry of Historic Places.
PR11-31 Motion by Yaeger, seconded by Buttke to support the Historic Preservation Committee's submittal of an application for historic recognition of the Oak Avenue Community Center.
Motion Carried 4-0

Englehart presented a request from Crystal Connors to extend the use of the Wildwood Station Building from 12:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on May 20, 2012 for her wedding reception.
PR11-32 Motion by Yaeger, seconded by Wein to approve the request from Crystal Connors for extended use of the Wildwood Station Building.
Motion Carried 4-0

Englehart presented a request to change policy 6.320 Buildings and Shelters - section E by removing the requirement that any building use extending past 12:00 a.m. require prior approval from the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee. This is being recommended by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.
PR11-33 Motion by Yaeger, seconded by Oettiker to change policy 6.320 Buildings and Shelters - section E removing the sentence requiring prior approval of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee to extend use a building past 12:00 a.m. and to allow staff the discretion to make these decisions.
Motion Carried 4-0

Englehart presented an overview of the 2012 Parks and Recreation Department budget request that he has submitted. No action was requested, this was for information only.

Information Items: The information items were reviewed.

Committee Member Questions, Comments, and Suggestions: Buttke inquired whether or not staff had received many comments from individuals expressing confusion over the hours of Hefko Pool. He has received some comments and there may be a need for increased promotion and/or notification of pool hours and when the pool is closed early due to weather or low attendance. Wein inquired about the status of the trash can at Grant Mini Park. He has noticed that it was recently relocated to along the street but he noticed a pile of bottles and litter near the playground. Buttke noted that a pothole needs to be filled on the large animal drive near the wolf exhibit.

Future Agenda Items: No items noted.

Communications: Englehart distributed a list of communications that the department had received since the last meeting.

PR11-34 Motion by Yaeger, seconded by Oettiker, to adjourn.
Motion Carried 4-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director