

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee Minutes of May 10, 2012

Meeting called to order by Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director, at 6:02 p.m. in Room 108 of City Hall Plaza, 630 S. Central Avenue.

Present: Jim Wein, Chris Viegut, Brenda Baur, Jane Yaeger, Corey Sullenger, and Alderman Tom Buttke.

Excused: Julie Smith

Absent: None

Also Present: Ed Englehart, Parks & Recreation Director; Kelly Cassidy, Parks and Recreation Supervisor; and Marliss Trudeau.

Corey Sullenger was introduced as the new Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee member from the Wildwood Zoological Society Board of Directors.

Englehart requested nominations for chairperson. Baur nominated Jim Wein.

PR12-19 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Yaeger to close nominations.

Motion Carried 6-0

Jim Wein was elected chairperson with 5 votes. Wein did not vote.

Wein requested nominations for vice-chairperson. Yaeger nominated Chris Viegut.

PR12-20 Motion by Baur, seconded by Buttke to close nominations.

Motion Carried 6-0

Viegut was elected vice-chairperson with 5 votes. Viegut did not vote.

Public Comments: None

The committee set Thursday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time of their next meeting.

Englehart introduced background information and photos regarding a request to remove some of the arborvitae in the southeast corner of the tennis courts at Steve J. Miller Recreation Area to help provide better visibility between the playground and the tennis court. Marliss Trudeau commented about the current situation and request to remove the arborvitae. Discussion followed.

PR12-21 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Baur to approve removal of four arborvitae at the tennis courts at Steve J. Miller Recreation Area.

Motion Carried 5-1 Wein voted no.

Englehart informed the committee that the land lease agreements with the American Legion Post 54 and the Alano Club at Praschak Wayside will both expire this year, and staff will be working on new lease agreements to take before the Board of Public Works prior to July 1st.

PR12-22 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Yaeger to recommend to the Board of Public Works approval of new lease agreements with the Alano Club and the American Legion.

Motion Carried 6-0

Information Items: Staff updated the Committee on their respective areas of responsibility.

Volunteer Recognitions: Staff reviewed recent volunteer efforts. Friends of the Trails – Trail Cleanup; Giveback Marshfield – Braem Park trash and litter pickup and playground improvements at Griese Park; Wood County Master Gardeners – plantings and landscape bed preparations at Wildwood Zoo.

Committee Member Questions, Comments, and Suggestions: Future Agenda Items: Baur commented that the McKeirnan Field dedication by the Marshfield Youth Soccer Association went very well and Dr. McKeirnan was very appreciative of the recognition. Viegut commented that the mowing along the drainage way in the grass area at the corner of 17th and Adams is still being mowed up to the water's edge. Earlier this year he was told that a buffer strip on each side of the waterway would be left un-mowed to provide habitat for birds. Viegut also requested that an additional trash can be placed somewhere on the western end of the Wildwood Station Trail. Wein commented that he had received comments from an individual that he felt more effort needed to be made to remove some of the downed trees in Connor Park, and to provide a little more visibility at the entrance to the park.

Communications: Englehart shared comments and concerns and other communications the department had received since the last committee meeting.

PR12-23 Motion by Baur, seconded by Yaeger to adjourn.

Motion Carried 6-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director