

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee Minutes of March 8, 2012

Meeting called to order by Jim Wein, chairperson, at 6:01 p.m. in Room 108 of City Hall Plaza, 630 S. Central Avenue.

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

Excused: Tom Oettiker, Julie Smith

Absent: None

Also Present: Ed Englehart, Parks & Recreation Director; Kelly Cassidy, Parks & Recreation Supervisor; and Ben Steinbach, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor.

PR12-08 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Yaeger to approve the minutes of the February 9th meeting.

Motion Carried 5-0

Public Comments: None

The committee set Thursday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time of their next meeting.

Cassidy reviewed a request from the Marshfield Youth Soccer Association to allow them to make some improvements to the concession stand at Griese Park. They would like to install metal security windows and lockable cabinets inside the concession stand.

PR12-09 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Baur to approve the requested improvements, pending review and concurrence by department staff, with funding for the improvements to be provided by the Marshfield Youth Soccer Association.

Motion Carried 5-0

Information Items: Staff updated the Committee on their respective areas of responsibility. Tom Buttke presented the Zoo Report. Tom indicated that the Zoological Society will be bringing back Zoo Fest and it will be held on Saturday, June 9th at the zoo. That evening, they will also hold the Camping with the Critters event at the zoo. Tom commented that they are also looking for local artists to paint murals for the cougar buildings. Englehart updated the committee on the property owner meeting held on February 29th regarding the proposed Wildwood-McMillan Connector Trail. An informational meeting for the public will be held on March 14th at the Wildwood Station Building. Englehart informed the committee that Marsh 21 has agreed to upgrade the public address system at Jack Hackman Field. Part of the upgrade will include new speakers that will be relocated to better direct the sound to the spectator seating areas. The improvements will cost \$5,100, paid for by Marsh 21, and will be completed this spring. P&K Electronics of Marshfield will be doing the work. Englehart distributed a listing of the Parks and Recreation Department CIP projects for 2013-2017 that the Capital Improvement Program Committee will be presenting to the Common Council for their consideration. It was agreed that the attendance/revenue report will now be presented to the committee on a quarterly basis.

Committee Member Questions, Comments, and Suggestions: Viegut commented that he appreciated the caution signs that the maintenance staff installed on the trails where ice conditions were present due to the recent thaw. Buttke commented that he had received positive comments about the tree and brush trimming that was done in Braem Park. There are still some along Peach Avenue that need to be addressed.

Future Agenda Items: None identified

Communications: Englehart reviewed comments and concerns the department had received since the last committee meeting.

PR12-10 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Yeager to adjourn.

Motion Carried 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director