

MINUTES
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER
5211 Schluter Road, Monona, WI. 53716
Tuesday, January 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board for the City of Monona was called to order by Chair Chad Speight at 6:33 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Chad Speight, Mary O'Connor, Greg Anderson, Dan Coyne, Jennifer Kahl, Pat Howell, Karen Turino, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson

Absent: Jeff Hinz, Elliott Smith

Approval of the Minutes

Pat Howell made a motion to approve the minutes from October 13 with correction of Pat Howell instead of Pat Coyne, Greg Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Carried unanimously.

Appearances

A. Rob Kjelta – 4402 Outlook St

Rob spoke in favor of moving playground equipment to the south side of the park to reduce noise to his adjacent property.

B. Rob Beuthling – 5405 Maywood Rd

Rob spoke in favor of playground equipment at Schluter Park and would like to see unique features that we currently don't have at other parks.

C. Mike Christofferson – 1401 Mathys Rd

Mike spoke in favor of playground equipment at Schluter Park including sand diggers and other equipment that compliments the beach.

Unfinished Business

A. Schluter Park Playground Equipment Discussion

Director Anderson presented several options from playground vendors of equipment that could be purchased with the \$20,000 budget. The committee discussed the options and there was support for a play web feature and also support for maintaining views of the lake from the road/parking lot. There was also a desire to see additional individual play structures including a merry-go-round, sand diggers, teeter totters. Anderson noted he will get additional information and bring back to the next meeting.

New Business

A. Butterfly Garden at Winnequah Park Prairie

Director Anderson presented materials regarding the reduction in Monarch Butterfly's across the country and an effort the NRPA (National Recreation & Parks Association) is developing to create monarch waystations. Anderson noted the Winnequah Prairie behind the skate park has become overgrown and would be a prime spot to develop a butterfly garden.

Currently in the city ordinance, milkweed is considered a noxious weed and is one the primary plants to be placed in a butterfly garden. Anderson will work with city staff and look at how we can review the ordinance and bring back additional information to a future meeting. Overall the board was supportive of the project. No action was taken at this meeting.

Director's Report & Questions to Staff from Committee

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director

Director Anderson presented a year in photos video the department made and thanked staff and all the volunteers that made 2015 a great year for Monona Parks & Recreation. He also noted the upcoming Candlelit Snowshoe Hike was to be held on January 16th at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Dan Coyne seconded by Greg Anderson was carried at 7:58 pm.