

MINUTES
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER
5211 Schluter Road, Monona, WI. 53716
Tuesday, February 9, 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, Dan Coyne, Jeff Hinz, Elliott Smith, Karen Turino, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson

Absent: Greg Anderson, Path Howell, Jennifer Kahl

Approval of the Minutes

Dan Coyne made a motion to approve the minutes from January 12, Karen Turino seconded the motion. Motion Carried unanimously.

Appearances

A. Matt Marks - 5205 Mesa Rd

Mr. Marks spoke on several agenda items include Park Ordinances & Wyldhaven Park.

Mr. Marks spoke in favor of an ordinance change allowing leashed dogs in parks, spoke against allowing "drones" in parks. Mr. Marks spoke against the proposed shoreline plans for Wyldhaven Park.

New Business

A. Review/Discussion of Current Park Ordinances

As part of an overall city comprehensive review of city ordinances, the board reviewed existing ordinances and had discussion regarding language and questions regarding current ordinances. The following discussions/consensus took place at this meeting:

- All References to Community Recreation Director be replace with Parks & Recreation Director
- 12-1-3(a) **Park Closing Hours** The committee discussed changing park hours to open at sunrise instead of 7:00 am noting that many people are walking/jogging through the parks before 7:00 am.
- 12-1-1(13) **Horse and Carriages** Discussion regarding banding horseback riding in city parks
- 12-1-1(19) **Fish Cleaning** Discussion to change language to allow in designated areas (Lottes Boat Launch Fish Cleaning Station)
- 12-1-1(20) **Vendors Restricted** Discussion to change permission from Parks & Recreation Board to Parks & Recreation Director
- 12-1-1(26) **Skate Park** Discussion to add a line item for Public Skate Park with rules against riding bicycles on the skate park.
- 12-1-1(8)(c) **Protection of Park Property** Under section 12-1-2, there is a section for Turf Protection of Public Property that the board felt could easily fit under 12-1-1(8)(c)

- **12-1-4 Reservation of Park Space or Shelters** The board discussed this section needed a lot of work and it flips back and forth between normal park reservations and exclusive use of park reservations. There also needs to be a section for Monona resident priority reservation of park shelters and information on Athletic Field Reservation. The Board did discuss changing the start time for park shelter rentals to 10:00 am instead of 7:00 am to allow for parks staff to clean the shelters with an earlier start time only if approved by the Parks & Recreation Director
- **12-1-5(b) Consumption Prohibited in Parking Lots and Adjacent Areas** Discussion on what adjacent areas to parking lots in city parks meant
- **12-1-7(b) Swimming in Lakes and River** Discussion on legality of this item
- **12-1-7** Discussion about launching boats and including a line about no “powerloading” at lake access sites. Also looked at allowing launching of boats at Lottes Park anytime during the day or evening.
- **Dogs in Parks** There was a brief discussion about allowing leashed dogs in parks and the committee felt it would be important to have a public input meeting regarding allowing dogs in parks on leashes before making any recommendation to the City Council.

Director’s Report & Questions to Staff from Committee

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Mary O’Conner seconded by Jeff Hinz was carried at 8:32 pm.