

MINUTES
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Online Zoom Meeting
Thursday, May 28 2020

The special meeting of the Park and Recreation Board for the City of Monona was called to order by Chair Doug Wood at 7:02 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Doug Wood, Co-Chair Molly Grupe, Thom Evans, Jeff Hinz, Rachel Groman, Tomy Gomez-Phillips, Pat Howell, Jennifer Kahl, Kelly Slack Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson, Aquatics Director Missy Kedzorski, Finance Director Marc Houtakker, Mayor Mary O'Connor

Absent: None

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes were not approved at this meeting

Appearances

A. None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

A. Community Pool Opening Discussion/Recommendation:

Aquatic Director Missy Kedzorski was in attendance and presented an operating plan for reopening the Community Pool with restrictions from the Forward Dane Plan. She presented the plan was based on reopening guidelines from a variety of agencies including WEDC, CDC, NRPA, and collaboration with agencies from around the state of Wisconsin. She had several options for types of admission (daily and/or season pass sales), hours of operation, and what a typical day at the pool would look like. Director Anderson went over what the projected budget could look like and Finance Director Marc Houtakker was in attendance to discuss the overall city budget and projected revenue losses due to Covid-19.

Questions from the board were around how staff would handle financial transactions for daily admissions, cleaning protocols, signage, and what responsibilities would be for various staff members.

After much discussion from board members on the merits of opening the pool vs not opening the pool for the summer, the following motion was made.

Pat Howell made a motion to recommend opening the Outdoor Pool starting July 1st with guidelines presented by staff, Thom Evans seconded the motion. The motion included recommending option #1 for type of sales and hours of operation as presented by staff. Motion carried on a 5-3 vote

B. Community Center Policy Discussion/Recommendation

Director Anderson presented the restrictions on indoor gatherings per the Forward Dane Plan and the challenges it would present in allowing event rentals at the Monona Community Center. Based on physical distancing requirements, additional cleaning/sanitization needed, and essential Senior Center & Park & Recreation programs, with the addition of having 8 city staff members utilizing offices within the Community Center, Anderson recommended to eliminate non-city rentals for the rest of 2020, with a review at budget time for future rentals of the Community Center. The board was in consensus with this recommendation.

Tomy Gomez-Phillips made a motion to recommend eliminating non-city events and rentals at the Monona Community Center for the remainder of 2020, Rachel Groman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report & Questions to Staff from Committee

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Pat Howell seconded by Tony Gomez-Phillips was carried at 9:02 pm.