

MINUTES
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Online Zoom Meeting
Tuesday June 9th, 2020

The regular 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, Rachel Groman, Jeff Hinz, Pat Howell, Jennifer Kahl, Kelly Slack. Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson,

Absent: Tony Gomez-Phillips

Approval of the Minutes: **Pat Howell made a motion seconded by Jeff Hinz to approve the minutes from May 12 and May 28 with attendance corrections and name spelling. Motion carried**

Appearances

A. None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

A. Additional Kayak Rack at Winnequah Park/Healy Lane Parking Lot

Director Anderson presented that all canoe/kayak racks were full in the city and due to the pandemic, there has been an increase in availability request. The city has an existing kayak rack at the Public Works Garage that could be installed at Winnequah Park behind the parking lot on the south side of the park by Healy Lane. Anderson recommends a trial program for the rest of this summer for a rack to be placed at that location for consideration keeping there full time in 2021.

Molly Grupe made a motion seconded by Jeff Hinz to approve placing a kayak/canoe rack at Winnequah Park (South Healy Lane Parking Lot) for the rest of 2020. Motion carried.

B. Park Shelter Reservation Policy with Forward Dane Restrictions

Director Anderson presented the restrictions on outdoor gatherings as part of the Forward Dane Plan along with challenges of reserving outdoor space around shelter areas that couldn't achieve social distancing underneath them. Anderson recommended that only Fireman's Park & Ahuska Park be available for rental for the rest of the summer season due to these restrictions. Bathrooms would not be available at Oneida Park & Schaefer Shelter due to daily cleaning/sanitization recommendations. The consensus of the board was favorable to allow shelter rentals at Fireman's & Ahuska Park during the phase 2 of the Forward Dane Plan.

Pat Howell made a motion seconded by Thom Evans to accept staff recommendation for park shelter rentals only at Fireman's Park & Ahuska Park for the rest of the 2020 rental season. Motion carried.

C. Grand Crossing Park Policies/Signage

Director Anderson presented a report on operations at Grand Crossing Park and observation on park use by visitors and policies/restrictions for the overall enjoyment of the facility. Anderson noted that planned events and general public use of the green space is being interfered with the amount of dogs using the space and starting to ruin the grass. The consensus of the board was to not allow dogs on grass at Grand Crossing Park

Jeff Hinz made a motion seconded by Thom Evans to place signage at Grand Crossing Park not allowing dogs on the green space area. Motion Carried

Anderson presented that under existing ordinance, No smoking can be banned where signed and due to the size of the park, this would be in the interest of public health to not allow smoking in the entire park. There was overwhelming consensus to ban smoking at this park.

Molly Grupe made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Kahl to ban smoking at Grand Crossing Park. Motion Carried.

Anderson presented the pier/dock at the park is popular for people to view the river and boats going by along with fishing, as well as boaters tying up to the pier to use the restroom and Below Deck concession stand. Anderson recommended a time limit be placed on using the pier by boats and have signage placed on the dock. The consensus of the Committee was to place a 15 minute time limit on use of the pier.

Jeff Hinz made a motion seconded by Thom Evans to place signage limiting boaters to 15 minutes using the pier at Grand Crossing Park. Motion Carried.

Director's Report & Questions to Staff from Committee

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director

Anderson gave a report on anticipated public input schedule for improvements at Stone Bridge Park and also updated the committee on the progress of the pollinator/natural playground area at Winnequah Park.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Thom Evans seconded by Pat Howell was carried 8:47 pm.