

MINUTES
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
City Hall Conference Room
Tuesday September 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board for the City of Monona was called to order by Chair Alder Doug Wood at 6:31 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Alder Doug Wood, Co-Chair Patrick DePula, Pat Howell, Jeff Hinz, Rachel Groman, Thom Evans, Jennifer Kahl, Kelly Slack, Tony Gomez-Phillips
Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson, Missy Miller Assistant Director

Absent:

Approval of the Minutes

Jeff Hinz made a motion seconded by Path Howell to approve the July 12 and August 10 minutes. Motion Carried.

Appearances

A. None

Unfinished Business

A. None

New Business

A. ADA Transition Plan Report/Discussion

Dan Schmidt from MSA Professional Services presented the draft ADA Audit and Transition Plan. Federal law adopted in 2010 include laws to bring public facilities into compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. The presentation included an inventory of existing park amenities and what would need to be done at these facilities to bring them up to compliance with the law. This includes accessible routes to individual components within a park like athletic fields, playgrounds, seating/picnic areas as well as accessible paths and seating for public programs happening within the park. The committee had questions regarding grant funding, time to complete projects, and individual park questions relating to the report. No action was taken at this meeting, but Chair Wood requested members spend time at the parks that have the most use and review the proposals and report at the next meeting to determine priorities and implementation as a final draft to recommend to the Monona City Council for adoption.

B. Discussion/Recommendation of Urban Forestry Grant Application

Director Anderson presented a resolution to allow the City to apply for a WI DNR Urban Forestry Grant for 2023 utilizing capital funds and operating staff budgets to remove ash trees from Winnequah Park, update the parks tree inventory which hasn't been done since 2007, and planted approximately 40 new trees. The Committee was supportive of this grant application.

Thom Evans made a motion to recommend adoption of the resolution to apply for a WI DNR Urban Forestry Grant, seconded by Patrick DePula. Motion Carried.

C. Discussion/Recommendation of 2023 Operating Budgets for Parks, Recreation, Outdoor Pool, & Community Center

Director Anderson provided an overview of staff proposed budgets that include additional LTE Staffing for parks maintenance, re-allocation of Full-Time Staff salaries, increase in user fees for fee based services, and that the overall levy for all services would decrease by about \$2,000. Assistant Director Missy Miller presented the Outdoor Pool budget and was available to answer questions in the Recreation Budget. The Committee was supportive of the staff proposed budgets.

Patrick DePula made a motion seconded by Jeff Hinz to recommend staff proposed budgets to the Monona City Council for adoption. Motion Carried

Director's Report & Questions to Staff from Committee

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director

Anderson gave a verbal report of park maintenance activities including construction of a pier/bridge for Winnequah Park, shutdown process of the Outdoor Pool, and the end of the Biergarten series.

Updates/Discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Efforts

None

Friends of San Damiano/Steering Committee Reports

Biergarten event on September 24, Meeting on 9/20 to finalize survey questions and focus groups

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Tony Gomez-Phillips seconded by Thom Evans was carried at 9:11 pm.