

MINUTES  
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION  
BOARD  
Virtual Zoom Meeting  
Tuesday September 14, 2021 – 6:30 PM

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

**Present:** Chair Doug Wood, Co-Chair Molly Grupe, Thom Evans, Jennifer Kahl, Pat Howell, Tony Gomez-Phillips, Rachel Groman Jeff Hinz, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson

**Absent:** Kelly Slack

**Minutes:** Minutes from the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were not available. Minutes will be available at the October meeting.

**Appearances:**

A. None

**Unfinished Business:**

A. None

**New Business:**

**A. Review/Discussion of 2021-2025 Parks & Open Space Plan**

Blake Theisen from Parkitecture presented the draft plan and noted proposed updates to several parks. Director Anderson shared the results from the survey and noted over 550 responses came in. The committee requested photos used in the plan be Monona specific photos, and to add a section of completed projects during the previous 5 years. Committee members will provide updates to Mr. Theisen for a final draft plan that will be available for public input in October. No action was taken at this meeting.

**B. Discussion/Recommendation of 2022 Parks, Pool, Community Center, Recreation Operating Budget**

Director Anderson presented staff proposed operating budgets for 2022 and congratulated Parks & Recreation Staff for a successful year financially in the operation of the Outdoor Pool, & Recreation programs. He noted that the City Council approved transition an LTE staff to FT status with revenues paying completely for salary and benefits. Anderson indicated that LTE wages would need to be increased in 2022 to be able to fill positions. He also noted that revenue to expenses was tracking to be 55% in 2022, and the national average is 28% which puts Monona in a favorable position to keeping the tax levy down for services provided by the department.

**Jeff Hinz made a motion seconded by Pat Howell to recommend staff proposed operating budgets for the Outdoor Pool, Recreation, Parks & Community Center Department with proposed fee schedules. Motion carried.**

**Director's Report & Questions to Staff from Committee**

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director

Anderson provided a verbal report of department activities including:

- Stone Bridge Park Project Update
- Operational activities for the department in the month of August

- Alder Grupe requested that an agenda item be standing for DEI initiatives, Anderson will place on agendas moving forward.

**Adjournment:**

**A motion to adjourn by Alder Molly Grupe seconded by Thom Evans was carried at 8:34 pm.**