

**MINUTES**  
**MONONA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING - ZOOM**  
**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

**The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board for the City of Monona was called to order by Chair Alder Doug Wood at 6:01 pm.**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Chair Alder Doug Wood, Co-Chair Alder Molly Grupe, Thom Evans, Tony Gomez-Phillips, Jeff Hinz, Pat Howell, Kelly Slack, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson

**Absent:** Jennifer Kahl, Rachel Groman

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Pat Howell made a motion, seconded by Tony Gomez-Phillips to approve the minutes from August 9<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup>. Motion Carried.**

**Appearances**

- A. Myranda Phelps-McGuire & Ryan Shehan (Public Health Madison Dane County)**  
Myranda and Ryan made a presentation requesting signage promoting No Smoking/Vaping at Monona Parks & Beaches. No action was taken at this meeting and Director Anderson indicated that he would bring back some signage examples and cost estimates to install at various locations in Monona parks.

**Unfinished Business**

- A. None**

**New Business**

- A. Review/Discussion of Draft Mound Management Plan**  
Director Anderson presented a draft mound management plan that incorporates elements of various plans from around the area including information from the 2017 University report. Anderson noted that he has reached out to Ho-Chunk Nation for feedback but has not received a response yet. The committee discussed support for a mound management plan including preservation of mounds at Woodland Park, Indian Outlet Mound, and any future potential mounds at the San Damiano site but would like to see a recommendation from Ho-Chunk Nation before making a final recommendation to City Council. No action was taken.
- B. Land Acknowledgement Statement Draft**  
Director Anderson presented a draft land acknowledgement statement recognizing that many of our public spaces are on sites of historic first nations peoples and given the recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day and Native American Heritage Month, a land acknowledgement would be appropriate. Committee members were supportive of the idea and would like to provide edits to Alder Molly Grupe and Director Anderson along with feedback from Ho-Chunk Nation before making a recommendation to City Council for consideration. No action was taken at this meeting.

**C. Discussion/Approval of Pool Parking Lot Landscaping Project**

Director Anderson presented a staff proposed project to remove the box hedges at the Pool Parking lot citing site line issues with vehicles entering and exiting the parking lot, staff time to trim and maintain the hedges and a desire to landscape with perennial grasses in its place. The committee was supportive of this project. Committee member Tony Gomez-Phillips volunteered to assist with selection of grasses/landscaping elements in the Spring.

**Thom Evans made a motion seconded by Jeff Hinz approving staff to remove the box hedges at the Monona Community Pool Parking lot and planting perennial grasses. Motion carried.**

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

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director

A verbal report of department activities including shutdown of park shelter restrooms, removal of boat launch piers, an update on the Fall Festival, and timing for the opening of the Monona Bank RiverRink

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

Director Anderson indicate he was participating along with other Department Heads in a Justified Anger education series discussing history of slavery and racial injustice in the United States.

**Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn by Molly Grupe seconded by Pat Howell was carried at 7:24 pm.**