

MINUTES
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
CITY COUNCIL – CONFERENCE ROOM
5211 Schluter Rd, WI. 53716
Tuesday, February 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board for the City of Monona was called to order by Co-Chair Nancy Moore at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Co-Chair Nancy Moore, Thom Evans, Tony Gomez-Phillips, Jeff Hinz, Carole Poole, Kelly Slack Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson

Absent: Chair Andrew Kitslaar, Pat Howell, Jennifer Kahl

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from January 8 were not prepared in time for this meeting. Director Anderson noted minutes would be on the next month's agenda for approval. No action was taken.

Appearances

A. Scott Foley & Eric Oldenburg – Monona Grove Youth Football

Mr. Foley & Mr. Oldenburg spoke on behalf on MG Youth Football and presented a plan for donation of bleachers to accommodate 148 people of the west side of Haukereid Field at Ahuska Park. These bleachers would be elevated to give fans a better view of the game, and have an accessible ramp for ADA access. MG Youth Football would like to install the bleachers this year, and request the city improve the path system from the front entry feature to the new bleachers in 2020.

Unfinished Business

A. Special Event Policy Discussion/Recommendation

Director Anderson included information in the packet, however due to moving agenda items around, this item was not discussed at the February meeting. Anderson asked the committee to review all files and be prepared to make a recommendation to City Council at the March meeting.

No action was taken at this meeting

New Business

A. Ahuska Park Bleacher Donation Request

Director Anderson provided the documents for type and style of bleacher along with an updated conceptual plan that show the proposed donated bleachers will fit into the overall master plan. Blake Theisen from Ayres & Associates was in attendance and spoke to the type of layout needed as part of a 2020 project. The consensus of the board was that this was a good project and applauded the efforts of MG Youth Football to raise the funds for the bleachers.

Jeff Hinz made a motion, seconded by Tony Gomez-Phillips to recommend to City Council to accept the donation of the bleachers for Haukereid Field at Ahuska Park. Motion Carried.

B. Winnequah Park Master Plan Discussion

Blake Theisen from Ayres & Associates was in attendance and distributed copies of the two previous conceptual plans for Winnequah (north of Nichols Rd) and Director Anderson referenced previous master plans through the UniverCity Alliance project. The discussion centered around a master plan that includes a new Community/Recreation Center along with an Aquatic Center. The committee discussed the following challenges to developing a master plan at Winnequah Park. They included:

- Unknown/Timeline of new Community Center/Aquatic Center (10-20 years?)
- Unknown of Dream Park Playground (Currently towards the end of it's life cycle)
- What to do with Dream Park Shelter (Is it in the right spot, currently for large special events, it cuts the festival grounds from additional green space off, lack of bathrooms for larger events, and not usable in winter for restrooms)

In general terms, the committee identified quality of water in lagoon, establishing a ped/bike loop through the park, and keeping flexibility with multi-purpose events as the primary goals and opportunities of a plan.

Additional goals/dreams that were identified by the committee included:

- Festival/Performance Stage
- Playground, play space
- Goose mitigation
- A ninja obstacle course

No action was taken at this meeting and the committee and consultant will look at ped/bike loop options that can be designed and installed independent of a future Community Center/Pool expansion

C. 2019 Park Site Furniture Slection

Director Anderson proposed what proposed purchases were to be included in the the capital budget. The board agreed with the recommendations.

Thom Evans made a motion to accept staff recommendation for 2019 Parks Site Furnishings, Carol Poole seconded the motion. Motion Carried

D. Parks Truck Purchase Recommendation

Director Anderson noted this was an approved purchase in the 2019 Capital Budget and will be the primary vehicle for the new Full-Time Parks Maintenance staff person scheduled to start September 1st.

Jeff Hinz made a motion, seconded by Tony Gomez Phillips to recommend purchase of staff proposed truck per the 2019 Capital Budget. Motion Carried

E. Electric Vehicle Purchase Recommendation – 2019 Capital Budget

Director Anderson noted that this will be used by summer staff for camp and special events, and there is generally a lack of vehicles available for staff in the summer.

Carole Poole made a motion, seconded by Kelly Slack to recommend purchase of an Electric Vehicle per the 2019 Capital Budget. Motion Carried

F. Bob Cat Tool Cat Purchase Recommendation – 2019 Capital Budget

Director Anderson noted that this piece of equipment would be used year round and is quickly becoming the priority maintenance vehicle for Parks & Recreation Departments around the state.

Tony Gomez-Phillips made a motion to recommend purchase of the Tool Cat, seconded by Carol Poole. Motion Carried.

Director's Report & Questions to Staff from Committee

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Carol Poole seconded by Jeff Hinz was carried at 8:51 pm.