

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS
PARKS / RECREATION / BUILDINGS
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Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes

August 14, 2023

The Parks & Recreation Commission met on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 4 p.m. in the first floor conference room at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. The meeting was also streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page.

1. Call to order.

Commissioners present in the first floor conference room were Mayor Blaser, Craig Broeren, Tom Ekelin, Tom Rayome, Lee Thao, Dean Veneman, and Elizabeth Whelan. Kris Barteck and Carolynn Martin appeared via videoconference. Staff present were Dawn Desorcy (via videoconference) and Jake Klingforth. Also attending were Ken Day and Alderperson Dennis Polach.

2. Approve July 10, 2023, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Mayor Blaser, seconded by Commissioner Ekelin, to approve the meeting minutes of July 10, 2023. Motion carried.

3. Consider approval of Mead Park plans and expenditures not to exceed \$200,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Veneman, seconded by Commissioner Ekelin, to approve the Mead Park plans and expenditures not to exceed \$200,000 from Park Outlay. Motion carried.

4. Consider replacement of lighting at Witter Field.

Current lights were installed more than 30 years ago. The rough estimate for replacement is \$147,000, which does not include removal of the old lights. This item will be on a future agenda.

5. Consider approval of Dog Park Rules.

There were suggestions to make a few changes to the rules. Revised rules will be emailed to the Commission and they will be brought to the next meeting.

6. Discuss ideas for remaining Teske fund.

Photos of the bird exhibit at the NEW Zoo & Adventure Park in Green Bay were included with the agenda. An upcoming meeting will be held at the zoo so commissioners can see the area. It was noted that we do not have reptiles at the zoo.

7. Bills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thao, seconded by Commissioner Broeren, to approve the bills (with removal of Ron's Refrigeration bill in the amount of \$60,000, as it is for the Centralia Center). Motion carried.

8. Staff reports.

Jake and Dawn presented reports.

9. Adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Rayome, seconded by Commissioner Thao. Motion carried.

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary