

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

January 8, 2024

The Parks & Recreation Commission met on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 4 p.m. in the first floor conference room at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

1. Call to order.

Commissioner Veneman called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Commissioners in attendance were Kris Barteck, Craig Broeren, Tom Rayome, Dean Veneman, and Elizabeth Whelan. Mayor Blaser and Lee Thao joined the meeting at 4:24 p.m. Tom Ekelin and Rick Wellnitz were excused. Staff in attendance were Joe Bachman, Dawn Desorcy, and Jake Klingforth. Alderperson Dennis Polach joined the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

2. Approve December 11, 2023, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whelan, seconded by Commissioner Broeren, to approve the minutes of December 11, 2023, with a correction to Commissioner Whelan's name. Motion carried.

3. Consider approval of revisions to Ice Skating Pond Guidelines.

A motion was made by Commissioner Broeren, seconded by Commissioner Rayome, to approve the revisions to the Ice Skating Pond Guidelines. Motion carried.

4. Discuss and consider approval of submission of Legacy Grant application for River Otter Exhibit/Helen's House.

We hope to submit applications for the Legacy Grant to assist with completion of a River Otter Exhibit as well as remodeling Helen's House to be utilized in the winter months. It was noted that Teske money be used where appropriate prior to Parks Outlay. It was also noted that these projects should be energy efficient.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barteck, seconded by Commissioner Whelan, to submit two (2) applications for the Legacy Grant. Motion carried.

5. Bills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Veneman, seconded by Commissioner Broeren, to approve the bills. Motion carried.

6. Staff reports.

Jake and Dawn presented reports.

Since we strive to be a bike-friendly community, it was suggested to offer a learn-to-bike program for adults and utilize Ride Share bikes.

7. Adjourn.

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

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary