CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS

PARKS / RECREATION / BUILDINGS

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Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes

January 9, 2023

The Parks & Recreation Commission met on Monday, January 9, 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.

Commissioner Veneman called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Mayor Blaser, Craig Broeren, Tom Ekelin, Tom Rayome, and Dean Veneman were in attendance. Lee Thao joined the meeting at 4:20 p.m. (after Planning Commission). Kris Barteck, Patrick Gatterman, and Carolynn Martin were absent. Staff present were Dawn Desorcy and Jake Klingforth (via Zoom).

2. Approve November 14, 2022, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Broeren, seconded by Commissioner Rayome, to approve the minutes of November 14, 2022. Motion carried.

3. <u>Consider approval of Prairie Dog Exhibit plans and expenditures.</u>

Public bid is needed for glass since the cost will be over \$25,000. There will still be money remaining in the Teske Grant after this project is completed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rayome, seconded by Commissioner Veneman, to approve moving forward on plans and expenditures for the Prairie Dog Exhibit, with total costs not to exceed \$60,000. Motion carried.

4. Consider changes/upgrade to Aquatics Center chemicals.

At this point Commissioner Thao joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Veneman, seconded by Commissioner Rayome, to approve the changes/upgrades to Aquatics Center chemicals. Motion carried.

5. <u>Update on dog park progress</u>.

Downed trees are being removed. Progress is going faster than anticipated. The parking lot will be graded next. The crew is working on things as they can.

6. Bills.

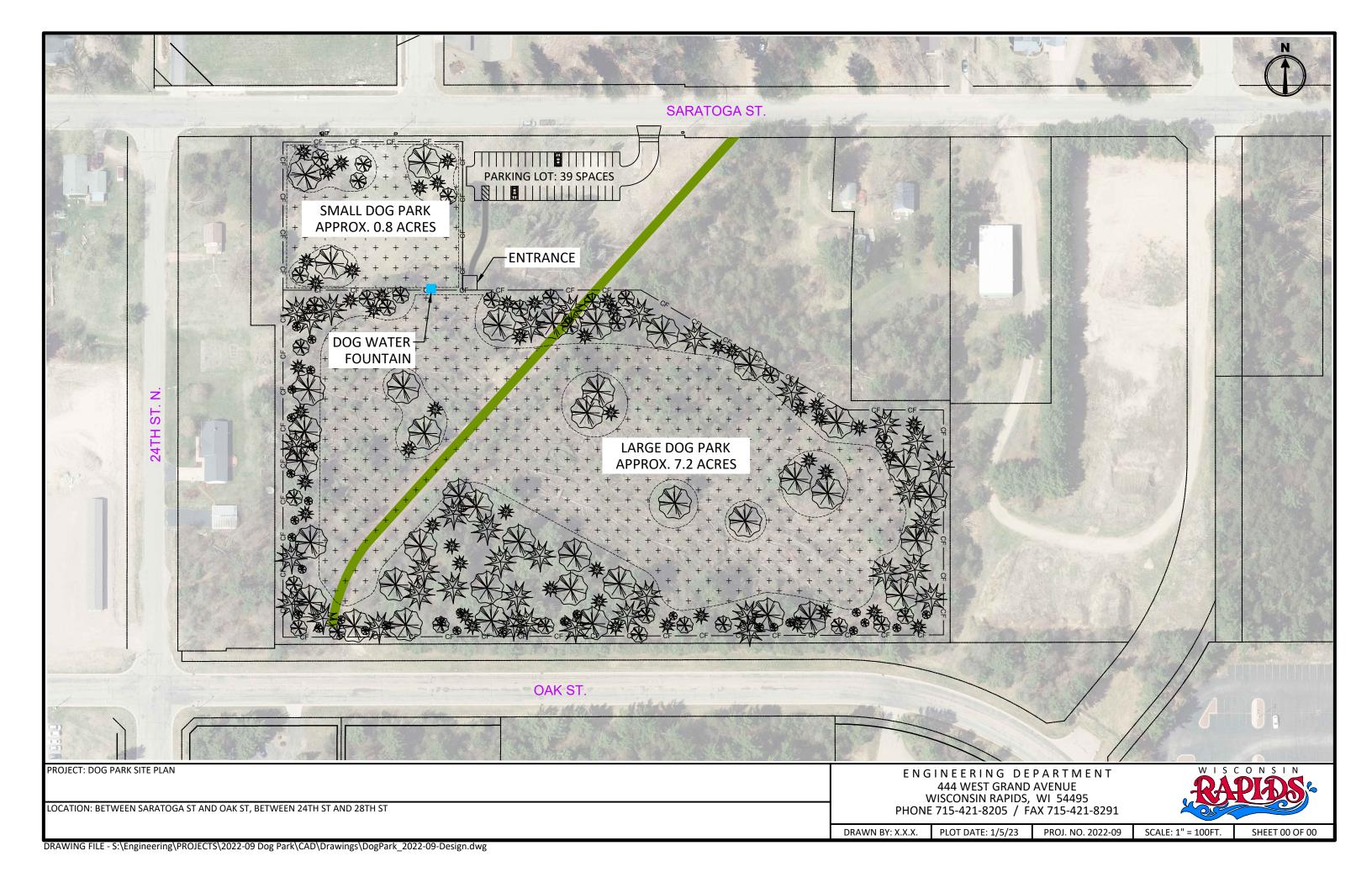
A motion was made by Commissioner Ekelin, seconded by Commissioner Thao, to approve the bills. Motion carried.

7. Staff reports.

Jake and Dawn presented staff reports. (Jake's report will be emailed as his connection was not working well.)

8. Adjourn.

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



December Staff Report 2022

- Continued preventive maintenance on city owned buildings
- Started the maintenance of Christmas decoration throughout the city
- Snow removal/ city parking lots and sidewalks
- Continued tree removal/tree pruning
- Identified over 100 trees at the cemetery that need to be removed
- Ice pond maintenance at Aquatic center and Robinson Park-flooding and cleaning off each day