

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

January 10, 2022

A regular meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Parks & Recreation Commission was held via remote videoconferencing on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 4 p.m. The public was invited to listen to the audio of the meeting. 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 4:07 p.m.

Commissioners present in the City Hall Council Chambers were Mayor Blaser, Patrick Gatterman, Dean Veneman, and Lee Thao. Kris Barteck, Craig Broeren, Tom Ekelin, Carolynn Martin, and Tom Rayome appeared via videoconference. Staff present in the Council Chambers were Dawn Desorcy, Jake Klingforth, Tyler Mickelson, and Mary Wolosek. Also attending in the Council Chambers were Alderperson Jay Bemke and Nikkilas Wix.

2. Approve November 8, 2021, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thao, seconded by Mayor Blaser, to approve the minutes of November 8, 2021. Motion carried.

3. Determine day pass rates and hours for the Aquatics Center.

Information was distributed regarding rates for pool passes, rental areas, and the hours for the Aquatics Center. A motion was made by Commissioner Gatterman, seconded by Commissioner Thao, to approve the hours of operation for 2022. Motion carried.

Hours will be Monday & Wednesday Noon-6 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday Noon-7 p.m. Friday & Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday Noon-5 p.m. Day pass rates will be discussed at a future meeting.

4. Break tie for final name for park located at 681 Chestnut Street (Aquatics Center Park Area).

- Witter Park (91 votes) / Wisconsin Rapids Recreation Complex (91 votes)
- Witter Community Park (61 votes)

A motion was made by Commissioner Ekelin, seconded by Commissioner Barteck, that the name be Witter Park. Motion carried.

5. Discuss new dog park location and information.

We are looking at the area near the Saratoga building, by the back of the Renaissance Learning parking area. There would be some work to do, but it is a favorable location. No motion necessary, but Commission would like staff to move forward with costs for preparing this area to be a dog park.

6. Discuss new CORP plan.

Staff would like to see Commission prioritize projects they would like to move forward on. The Commission will review the CORP and consider development of a subcommittee to move forward with prioritizing projects.

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7. Bills.

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

8. Staff reports.

Mary and Jake presented written and verbal reports.

9. Adjourn.

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

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary