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Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes

February 10, 2020

The Parks & Recreation Commission met on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., in the first floor conference room at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

All Commission members were in attendance. Staff attending were Dawn Desorcy, Matt Heideman, Joe Terry, and Mary Wolosek. Also in attendance were Jen Gray, Amy Palik, Dennis Polach, and Elizabeth Whelan.

1. Call to order.

Commissioner Rosekrans called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Approve December 9, 2019, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ekelin, seconded by Commissioner Broeren, to approve the December 9, 2019, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Update on Zoo improvements.

The duck house is a small project being worked on this winter. As part of the master plan, we are considering re-roofing and redesigning the bear pen. Preference is to do this in house, as the design estimate cost was high. The inside and fencing may be updated based on recommendations from the caretakers we receive our animals from. We are also considering adding an aviary. An update on costs thus far, as well as remaining monies, will be provided at a future meeting.

4. Update on East Riverbank improvements.

New fence is up and completed in Mead Rapids View; park is very close to completion. Power has been restored to clock bell tower. Veteran's Park will be complete when overlook is done. We have the names from the benches that were removed for the project, and are working on getting contacts for those who made the donations. The hope is to place the majority of benches near their previous location, with others at Mead Rapids View.

5. Update on Aquatic Recreational Center.

There is a lot of work being done; contractors hope that by April 1, the weather will cooperate so more progress can be made. The Commission will be taking another tour of the facility in March.

6. Update on storm damage in parks.

Robinson is the last park to have storm damage cleanup completed. There is a small amount of work remaining there, including painting and minor work at the North Concession Stand. There is also concrete work, which will be completed in the spring. The shelter should be fully operational and ready for spring rentals.

7. Review proposals for installation of protective safety net above left field fence at Witter for new playground and splash pad areas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koth, seconded by Commissioner Broeren, to approve a proposal for protective safety net above left field fence at Witter for new playground and splash pad areas, not to exceed \$25,100. Motion carried.

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8. Review Dog Park survey results.

The commission discussed the Dog Park survey results and received an update from the Scentrail Bark Community Park on their progress toward a new dog park.

9. Bills.

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

10. Staff reports.

Matt and Mary provided verbal and written reports.

11. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ekelin, seconded by Commissioner Broeren, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary