

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

February 14, 2022

A regular meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Parks & Recreation Commission was held via remote videoconferencing on Monday, February 14, 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 meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Commissioners present in the City Hall Council Chambers were Tom Ekelin, Tom Rayome, Lee Thao, and Dean Veneman. Kris Barteck, Craig Broeren, andCarolynn Martin appeared via videoconference. Mayor Blaser and Patrick Gatterman were excused. Staff present in the Council Chambers were Dawn Desorcy, Jake Klingforth, and Tyler Mickelson. Attending via videoconference was Alderperson Jake Cattanach.

2. Approve January 10, 2022, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ekelin, seconded by Commissioner Thao, to approve the minutes of January 10, 2022. Motion carried.

3. Determine day pass rates for the Aquatics Center.

There was discussion about day pass rates. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Discuss development of subcommittee to determine use for Teske grant money.

There is \$311,000 remaining in the Teske grant. Information will be provided regarding what the grant may be used for as well as a list of items already completed. Kris Barteck would like to lead this subcommittee and will set a date to meet. Tom Rayome, Dean Veneman, and Jake Klingforth will participate as well. Craig Broeren will communicate with interested WRPS students for their feedback once there is direction on possible use for this money.

5. Update on kangaroo enclosure project.

There is \$23,000 in zoo feed money that we plan to use for this exhibit; we would not be using any of the Teske money for this enclosure. A motion was made by Commissioner Thao, seconded by Commissioner Ekelin, to move forward with kangaroo enclosure project. Motion carried.

6. Update on prioritizing park projects per CORP plan.

Priority would be safety issues, a dog park, and ADA accessibility. Tom Ekelin would be interested in setting a threshold and the commission would approve anything over that amount. The commission would like to look at safety issues first and then consider improvements one park at a time. Staff will provide a list of safety issues at each park and baseball diamond usage.

7. Bills.

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

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8. Staff reports.

Jake shared Mary's recreation report, and provided his Parks Maintenance report.

9. Adjourn.

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

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary