

Prairie Dog Exhibit

Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Zoo

April 2023



CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS
PARKS / RECREATION / BUILDINGS
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Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes
April 10, 2023

The Parks & Recreation Commission met on Monday, April 10, 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 Broeren called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Kris Barteck, Mayor Blaser, Craig Broeren, Tom Ekelin, Tom Rayome, Lee Thao were in attendance. Patrick Gatterman, Carolyn Martin, and Dean Veneman were excused. Staff present were Dawn Desorcy and Jake Klingforth. Also attending were Alderperson Dennis Polach and Diane Passineau.

2. Approve February 13, 2023, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rayome, seconded by Mayor Blaser, to approve the minutes of February 13, 2023. Motion carried.

3. Consider request for Little Free Library in a City Park.

Diane Passineau spoke about this request on behalf of Renaissance Learning. They would like to place a Little Free Library in Veteran's Park. LHS industrial arts class is building the library and the City will install it.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barteck, seconded by Commissioner Thao, to approve the request from Renaissance Learning to install a Little Free Library at Veteran's Park. Motion carried.

4. Update on Dog Park.

We received three (3) bids for the fence; Finance & Property Committee will finalize the selection at their next meeting. Work remaining at the park includes grinding, pulverizing, and then seeding. We hope to open in September to allow the grass to get established.

5. Update on Prairie Dog Exhibit.

The original plan must be modified (the exhibit will be slightly smaller) due to the water table in that area. The location is between the camel pen and the fox pen. We are waiting for the crawl tunnel to be delivered. We will be getting 8 prairie dogs. We hope to open the exhibit when the Zoo opens for the season; this will depend on when the glass is ready.

6. Update on Legacy Grant Application.

This application is a collaborative request between the City and Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools, with plans to develop the Mead Park area into an extensive recreational area which will include new play structures, basketball courts, pickleball courts, and an expanded picnic area. If we are awarded this grant, the Commission will need to make a financial commitment at a future meeting. At this point, a timeline is not confirmed.

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7. Bills.

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

8. Staff reports.

Dawn and Jake presented staff reports.

Future agenda items: Ideas for remaining Teske money and naming dog park.

9. Adjourn.

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

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary

Parks & Recreation Bills

May 8, 2023

Bill	Date	Detail	Amount
Ace Hardware	4/5/2023	Parks Department Materials	23.89
Ace Hardware	4/6/2023	Witter Field Materials	25.96
Ace Hardware	4/10/2023	Parks Department Materials	50.99
Ace Hardware	4/11/2023	Witter Field Materials	25.15
Ace Hardware	4/12/2023	Witter Field Materials	48.26
Ace Hardware	4/13/2023	Witter Field Materials	(8.97)
Ace Hardware	4/17/2023	Parks Department Materials	15.99
Ace Hardware	4/24/2023	Aquatics Center Equipment	10.32
Amazon	4/11/2023	Parks Office Supplies	14.59
American Red Cross	4/12/2023	Aquatics Training/Cert	200.00
Athletic Stuff	4/18/2023	Recreation Materials	193.00
Bryan's Water Quality Store LLC	4/10/2023	Aquatics Chemicals	447.30
Complete Fire Solutions, Inc	3/29/2023	Parks Dept Building Mtnc	467.00
Desorcy, Dawn	4/11/2023	Aquatics Training/Cert	568.22
HMF	3/30/2023	Parks Dept Materials/Park Outlay	9,896.00
Home Depot	4/7/2023	Aquatics Center Equipment	45.22
Home Depot	4/17/2023	Parks Department Materials	36.77
Metcalf Lumber	3/27/2023	Parks Department Materials	38.46
Metcalf Lumber	3/30/2023	Parks Department Materials	17.91
Metcalf Lumber	4/17/2023	Parks Department Materials	52.16
Metcalf Lumber	4/24/2023	Parks Department Materials	23.25
Rainbow Ecoscience	3/9/2023	Tree Care Materials	502.65
Shred It Mulching Services LLC	4/13/2023	Park Dept Outlay - Dog Park	2,595.00
Wil-Kil Pest Control	4/26/2023	City Zoo Materials	63.30
Winsupply	4/7/2023	Aquatics Center Materials	160.82
Wisconsin Valley Building Products LLC	3/31/2023	Parks Department Materials	61.06
Wood Street Rental LLC	4/13/2023	Witter Field Materials	1,433.48
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