

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

August 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Parks & Recreation Commission was held in the Council Chambers and via remote videoconferencing on Monday, August 8, 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 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners present in the City Hall Council Chambers were Kris Barteck, Mayor Blaser, Craig Broeren, Tom Ekelin, Tom Rayome, Lee Thao, and Dean Veneman. Kris Barteck and Carolynn Martin appeared via videoconference. Patrick Gatterman was excused. Staff present in the Council Chambers were Dawn Desorcy, Carrie Edmondson, Kyle Kearns, Jake Klingforth, and Tyler Mickelson. Sue Schill appeared via videoconference. Also attending in the Council Chambers was Jeff Penzkover, Alderperson Dennis Polach, and Rob Schill.

2. Approve June 13, 2022, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Mayor Blaser, seconded by Commissioner Ekelin, to approve the minutes of June 13, 2022. Motion carried.

3. Consider approval of proposed public art project for Ben Hansen Park.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thao, seconded by Commissioner Veneman, to move the project forward. The motion was withdrawn with no objection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Broeren, seconded by Mayor Blaser, to table discussion to the next meeting. Motion carried.

4. Consider a request from Assumption Catholic Schools (ACS) for approval for ACS to upgrade/replace the infield at the Robinson Park South softball field, at ACS expense.

A motion to approve the request from Assumption Catholic Schools to upgrade/replace the infield at Robinson Park South softball field, at ACS expense, was made by Mayor Blaser, seconded by Commissioner Broeren. Motion carried.

5. Update on Aquatics Center.

The Aquatics Center has been closed several more days this summer compared to last summer due to rain/cool weather. Overall admissions have been down, likely due to weather and other facilities in the area. Party packages have been very successful.

6. Bills.

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

7. Staff reports.

Jake and Dawn presented staff reports.

8. Adjourn.

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

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary