

Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes

November 12, 2018

The Parks & Recreation Commission met on Monday, November 12, 2018, at 4:05 p.m. in the first floor conference room at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

Members in attendance were Craig Broeren, Tom Ekelin, Steven Koth, and Lee Thao; Tom Rayome, upon unanimous consent of the commission, sat in as the alderperson representative as Lee Graf was unable to attend. Derek Johnson, Derek Johnson, and Mayor Vruwink were unable to attend. Staff attending were Matt Heideman, Joe Terry, and Mary Wolosek. Heather Koth were also present.

1. Call to order.
Commissioner Thao called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. Approval of October 8, 2018 minutes.
A motion was made by Commissioner Koth, seconded by Commissioner Ekelin, to approve the minutes of October 8, 2018. Motion carried.
3. Update on Phase 1 updates at the zoo.
Matt discussed potential updates with quote for the petting zoo, fencing and trail development at Boles Circle.
4. Parks Department and Outlay budget update.
Matt gave an overview of the Outlay budget, and anticipates that Parks & Recreation budgets look good, and should have money left. The budget numbers handed out are through August. There was no discussion.
5. Discuss and consider approval of security cameras at Sand Lot Park, the Skate Park, and the Zoo.
A motion was made by Commissioner Koth, seconded by Commissioner Broeren to approve installation of security cameras in Sandlot Park, the Skate Park, and the Zoo. Motion carried.
6. Discuss park planning considerations regarding possible dog park, pickleball courts, and other potential uses for Mead Field and Sand Lot Park.
Joe Terry presented potential uses for Mead Field and Sand Lot Park, and distributed maps to the commission members. Commissioner Koth mentioned Poplar Springs Park as a possible dog park. The City is looking at inexpensive ways to enhance parks without increasing maintenance costs; Norton pond is an area that could be enhanced for city residents.
7. Bills.
A motion was made by Commissioner Ekelin, seconded by Commissioner Koth, to approve the bills. Motion carried.
8. Staff Reports.
Mary and Matt provided written reports.
9. Adjourn.
A motion was made by Commissioner Koth, seconded by Commissioner Broeren, to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Mary Wolosek,
Recording Secretary