

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

November 14, 2022

The Parks & Recreation Commission met on Monday, November 14, 2022, 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 Veneman called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Commissioners present were Mayor Blaser, Craig Broeren, Tom Ekelin, Tom Rayome, Lee Thao, and Dean Veneman. Kris Barteck andCarolynn Martin appeared via zoom. Patrick Gatterman was excused. Staff present were Dawn Desorcy and Jake Klingforth. Also attending was Alderperson Dennis Polach.

2. Approve October 10, 2022, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Mayor Blaser, seconded by Commissioner Broeren, to approve the minutes of October 10, 2022. Motion carried.

3. Consider approval of Dog Park plans and expenditures.

A motion was made by Commissioner Broeren, seconded by Commissioner Ekelin, to move forward with the Dog Park plans and expenditures, including clearing and grubbing and installation of fencing, not to exceed \$130,000. Motion carried.

4. Discussion on possible new zoo exhibits.

Staff members and a commission member visited the New Zoo & Adventure Park in Green Bay to see their zoo. The prairie dog and red panda exhibits are possible ideas for the Teske bequest. Costs for both of these items will be put together for a future meeting.

5. Discuss possible self-service kayak rental at Boles Creek boat landing.

This is a similar service to the rentable bikes around this area. This company approached us, and staff will be getting more information regarding the logistics of doing something like this.

6. Bills.

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

7. Staff reports.

Jake and Dawn presented staff reports.

8. Adjourn.

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

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary