

CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS
PARKS / RECREATION / BUILDINGS
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Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes
November 11, 2024

The Parks & Recreation Commission met on Monday, November 11, 2024, at 4 p.m. in the first floor conference room at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

1. Call to order.

Vice Chairperson Whelan called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Commissioners in attendance were Kris Barteck, Susan Faust, Jeff Penzkover, Ron Rasmussen, Lee Thao, Elizabeth Whelan, and Mayor Matt Zacher. Dean Veneman was excused. Staff in attendance were Dawn Desorcy and Jake Klingforth. Also in attendance were Kevin Fangman, Jake Guse, Barb Scanlan, and Marcus Wilcox.

2. Approve the October 14, 2024, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thao, seconded by Commissioner Penzkover, to approve the minutes of October 14, 2024. Motion carried.

3. Consider project ideas from ACE Leadership class for park improvements.

Jake Guse spoke on behalf of his ACE Leadership group. This group decided that they would like to make improvements to Woods Grove Park. It was suggested that they talk with neighbors of the park for feedback. They will bring ideas for improvements to a future meeting.

4. Discuss Rapids Room to Zoom dog park volunteers and activities.

Commissioner Faust is working on coordinating a group of volunteers, and there are projects they feel are priority. Some of those projects are stump grinding, spreading woodchips on the path, adding waste stations and benches (a Nekoosa shop class may be able to build these). A future priority is solar lighting for the park.

5. Bills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barteck, seconded by Commissioner Thao, to approve the bills in the amount of \$7,279.60. Motion carried.

6. Staff reports.

Dawn and Jake provided reports.

7. Adjourn.

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

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary