

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

January 11, 2021

A regular meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Parks & Recreation Commission was held via remote videoconferencing on Monday, January 11, 2021, 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.

Commission Chairperson Rosekrans called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Commissioners present in the City Hall Council Chambers were Mayor Blaser, Craig Broeren, Kelly Rosekrans, and Lee Thao. Appearing via videoconference were Kris Barteck, Tom Ekelin, Steven Koth, and Tom Rayome. Carolynn Martin was absent. Staff present in the Council Chambers were Dawn Desorcy, Matt Heideman, Kyle Kearns, Jake Klingforth, Tyler Mickelson, and Mary Wolosek; Joe Terry appeared via videoconference. Also in attendance was Alderperson Dean Veneman.

2. Approve October 12, 2020, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thao, seconded by Commissioner Broeren, to approve the minutes of October 12, 2020. Motion carried.

3. Review and consider approval of a firm to provide a new Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Staff met and discussed the submitted proposals; the top recommendation was Ayers. A motion was made by Mayor Blaser, seconded by Commissioner Ekelin, to approve a contract with Ayers Associates, Inc., at a cost of \$24,500, to provide a new Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Motion carried.

4. Update on Wisconsin Rapids Recreation Center skating pond.

The skating pond has been used quite extensively, and we are mostly done flooding at this point. We need to determine if there will be a date set for the warming house to open (dependent upon the governor's order), or if it will not open for the season.

5. Discuss 2021 opening timeline for the Wisconsin Rapids Recreation Center warming house (as related to COVID-19).

If there are no improvements to the COVID-19 situation, and we are unable to open the warming house by February 15, the warming house will not open this season.

6. Update on renovations at the Zoo.

Before Christmas, staff disassembled the parrot cage and replaced the base and walls. We are currently waiting for materials, but when they arrive, work will continue (hopefully this week).

7. Bills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thao, seconded by Commissioner Broeren, to approve the bills. Motion carried.

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8. Staff reports.

Mary, Matt, and Jake provided verbal and written reports.

9. Adjourn.

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

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary