

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

February 8, 2021

A regular meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Parks & Recreation Commission was held via remote videoconferencing on Monday, February 8, 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.

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

Commissioners present in the City Hall Council Chambers were Mayor Blaser, Craig Broeren, and Kelly Rosekrans. Appearing via videoconference were Kris Barteck, Tom Ekelin, Steven Koth,Carolynn Martin, Tom Rayome, and Lee Thao. Staff present in the Council Chambers were Dawn Desorcy, Matt Heideman, Jake Klingforth, Tyler Mickelson, and Mary Wolosek.

2. Approve January 11, 2021, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Broeren, seconded by Commissioner Rayome, to approve the minutes of January 11, 2021. Motion carried.

3. Consider approval of updated Application for Rental of Park Shelters/Equipment form for 2021.

A motion was made by Mayor Blaser, seconded by Commissioner Broeren, to approve the updated Application for Rental of Park Shelters/Equipment form for 2021. Motion carried.

4. Update on Outdoor Recreation Plan.

We met the team we will be working with from Ayers via Zoom, and discussed the timeline for development of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

5. Consider the appointment of a Park and Recreation member to represent the Commission and assist in the development of the new Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Commissioner Barteck and Commissioner Rayome expressed interest in assisting with development of the new Outdoor Recreation Plan. Following discussion, it was determined that both Commissioners Barteck and Rayome will represent the Commission to assist in the development of the new plan.

6. Update on Wisconsin Rapids Recreation Center skating pond.

We had our first experience with a big snowstorm; clearing went well. The warming house is still not open to the public, and will not open this season. We are looking forward to fully opening next year.

7. Update on renovations at the Zoo.

The remainder of the materials were received last week, and we are waiting for warmer weather to finish the parrot pen and pergola.

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8. Bills.

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

9. Staff reports.

Mary and Jake provided written and verbal reports.

10. Adjourn.

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

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary