

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting August 5, 2020

The Parks and Recreation Commission, Berlin, WI is called to Order 4:30, August 5th, 2020, by Victoria Hill.

Roll Call:

Present: Glenn Hameister, Victoria Hill, Catrina Burgess and David Secora.

Excused: Ashley Nigbor, Kimberly Nicholai, Felicia Page

Also Present: Sara Nighbor, Scott Zabel, City Counsel Representative Joel Bruessel, and City Administrator Jodie Olsen

General Public Comments: Jean Dretske; 295 N. Washington St. speaking as representative of Friends of the Park requests that the previously painted park benches be placed once again in the parks into perpetuity or until degraded.

Approval of the minutes:

A motion is made by David Secora to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2020 and June 10, 2020 Special Meeting. Catrina Burgess seconded. The motion passed.

Review and Approval of P&R Monthly Expenditure Accounts:

A motion is made by Glenn Hameister to approve the 2020 Parks and Rec expenditure accounts, David Secora seconded. The motion passed.

Review and Approval of P&R Monthly Revenue Accounts:

A motion is made by David Secora to approve the 2020 Parks and Rec revenue accounts, seconded by Catrina Burgess. The motion passed.

Public Appearances: Jean Dretske spoke to ask how to proceed with an idea for working with Harry Kwidzinski and the ABC Group for a project in one of the parks. We recommended she put together her plans and get on next month's meeting schedule.

New Business:

A) Discussion and Action Concerning what to do with painted park benches from 2019 and continuing art projects into 2021.

Jean Dretske commented that the Friends of the Parks loved the project and wanted to keep the benches in the parks. They are currently placed in storage at the Marquette St. storage location until next Spring.

A motion was made by Catrina Burgess to keep the benches in storage until next Spring, and then re-place them in the parks each year. The motion was seconded by Glen Hameister. The motion passes.

Additional discussion centered on ideas for future art projects such as trash can painting, art structures, Scavenger Hunts, and Parks and Rec students who would do gardening projects. No decisions were made at this time, and the idea is tabled until further notice.

B) Discussion and Action concerning 50 person limit requirement with Shelter House Rentals, and usage of parks.

Sara Nighbor spoke regarding the fact that there has been some public issue over the 50 person "limit" verbiage, and requests to change the wording to "50 person recommendation" to come in line with County Health recommendations.

Catrina Burgess makes a motion to change the shelter house verbiage to "Recommended" from "Limit". The motion is seconded by David Secora. The motion passes.

C) Update from Public Works Director on Aquatic Center Repairs.

Scott Zabel spoke and informed the Commission that:

- 1) The inside of the pool is painted
- 2) The sump grates have been replaced per the Virginia Barker Act.
- 3) Tile work all around the outside edge of the pool has been completed
- 4) Minor plumbing issues have been corrected
- 5) 30 new pool chairs have been purchased to be used starting next season.
- 6) Some new plumbing issues will need to be tended to in the utility basement.
- 7) Some small tile repairs will need to be tended to.

Old Business:

A) Discussion concerning possible location of a Dog Park.

Lindsey Kemnitz spoke to the zoning rules in Berlin and pointed out the color coded zones in Berlin, as well as city requirements for dogs. Inside the city, a lot can have no more than three dogs, any more than that would need a Kennel License.

Discussion revolved around relocating the original citizens interested in the creation of a dog park and sharing this information, as well as working with them to assist in locating a good space. Recommendations were floated for something outside of the city limits as well. The discussion was tabled until the interested parties could be located.

Adjourn:

A motion is made by to adjourn David Secora. Seconded by Catrina Burgess. The motion passes.

Next Regular Meeting Date - Wednesday, September 2, 2020