

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting September 2, 2020

The Parks and Recreation Commission, Berlin, WI is called to Order 4:30, September 2nd, 2020, by Victoria Hill.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Ashley Nighbor, Felicia Page

Also Present: Sara Nighbor, Scott Zabel, City Counsel Representative Joel Bruessel,

Approval of the minutes:

Minutes approval motion made by David, second by Kimberly and passed.

Review and Approval of P&R Monthly Expenditure Accounts:

Motion to accept the report was made by Kim, seconded by Catrina and passed.

Review and Approval of P&R Monthly Revenue Accounts:

Motion to accept the revenue report made by Catrina, seconded by David and motion passed.

New Business:

A) Presentation from ABC Group and Friends of the Park concerning installation of art items in Forsyth Park.

Harry K, president of the ABC group made a presentation to decorate Forsyth park in an art deco theme with 50 gallon barrels lit up with possibly "Joy, Peace, and Noel" cut into the barrels and backlit along with x-mas trees. Victoria led discussions as to decorating, placement and removal. Dave asked if anyone saw a problem with animals taking up residency in the barrels. Friends of the Park and the ABC group will be providing the setup and teardown along with a donation of a couple hundred lights. Teardown will be no later than 1/31/2021. Catrina made a motion to allow the project with setup between 11/1 & 11/15 with removal by the end of January. Kimberly seconded the motion and it passed.

B) Discuss future virtual regular Parks & Recreation Commission meetings via Zoom with action as appropriate.

Sara led a discussion of the opportunity of utilizing ZOOM as a platform for future meetings until the end of the year 2020. After a brief discussion of logistics, technology upgrades and possibly training it was mentioned that the City Council has a task force looking into equipment upgrades. Glenn made a motion to pass, seconded by Catrina and the motion passed.

C) Budget 2021 Discussion

Sara led a discussion on the 2021 budget. Victoria prepared and read the actual ordinance to the commission's expectation for budgeting and led a discussion on bringing ideas for future

budgeting ideas prior to the Aug meeting. Catrina led a discussion on the gazebo at Nathan Strong park, and the possibility of a shade being put up to make the musicians/performers more comfortable when the sun is setting. Scott made mention that installing a shade would easily be done.

D) Update from Public Works Director on Sea Wall Repairs.

Scott discussed the seawall reconstruction at the boat launch and seawalls along the river. Scott made mention it was completed and that there were discussions with the DNR of possibly setting up an aerator in the canal (boat launch area) to help elevate the heaving of the ice as the river rises. Glenn brought up the fact that a number of residents asked him if he could bring up the possibility of having a wash down station constructed at the boat launch to wash off vessels to help in the control of possibly moving invasive species from the river to other bodies of water. Scott mentioned it could be brought up with the company involved in the aerator discussions and the possibility of maybe there being a DNR grant available for that kind of project.

Old Business:

A) Discussion and Action concerning continuing art projects into 2021

Flower beds and painted garbage cans will be reviewed over winter and Sara will bring back to the commission at a point in the future.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn brought up by Dave, seconded by Catrina and passed. Meeting closed at 5:19 pm.

Next Regular Meeting Date - Wednesday, October 7, 2020