

City of Baraboo
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Jan. 10, 2022 – Minutes

Present: R. Franzen, S. Mordini, A. Workman, H. Kierzek and M. Hardy

Franzen called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Legal posting of the Agenda has been met. Workman motioned and Mordini seconded approval of the Dec. 13, 2021, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Workman moved to approve the agenda as printed, seconded by Kierzek. Motion carried.

Action Items

a. Discuss and consider requests for 2022 co-sponsor agreements and fees:

1) Baraboo Amateur Baseball Association

Franzen moved to approve and Mordini seconded approval of the co-sponsor agreement and fee as presented. Motion carried.

2) Baraboo Legion Baseball Club

Workman moved to approve and Franzen seconded approval of the co-sponsor agreement and fee as presented. Motion carried.

3) Baraboo Thunder Softball Club

Mordini moved to approve and Franzen seconded approval of the co-sponsor agreement and fee as presented. Motion carried.

4) Baraboo Riptide Swim Team Club

Kierzek moved to approve and Workman seconded approval of the co-sponsor agreement and fee as presented. Motion carried.

5) Baraboo Soccer Club

Workman moved to approve and Mordini seconded approval of the co-sponsor agreement and fee as presented. Motion carried.

6) SUDA Soccer Academy

Mordini moved to approve and Kierzek seconded approval of the co-sponsor agreement and fee as presented. Motion carried.

For all groups, fees go into a segregated fund used to improve the facility utilized by the group. The Park Department has incurred higher water costs and an increase of 4% in electricity and gas from Alliant Energy. Discussion followed on whether rates should stay consistent or be raised to reflect the higher cost; the consensus was to keep rates the same as long as the Park's costs are covered. Franzen noted that many of the groups have paid for improvements to the facilities used on their own. Hardy also commented that these groups provide a community service in offering programming that the City doesn't formally offer.

b. Discuss and consider closing the Campbell Park Swimming Pool the afternoon and evening of June 29, 2022 for a Riptide Swim Team meet

Franzen moved to allow the Riptide to use the Campbell Park Swimming Pool on June 29, 2022, for their swim meet and Kierzek seconded. Motion carried.

c. Discuss and consider process to select playgrounds for Jackson Reserve and Ritzenthaler Parks

A subcommittee is needed to select playground design options, as several community members have expressed interest in having a voice in the process. The Friends of Baraboo Parks has members that would like to be involved, as well as neighbors in the Ritzenthaler area. Witczak expressed earlier to Hardy that she would like to serve on a subcommittee, if created. Two inclusive

playgrounds were included in the CORP plan, and Mordini suggested that one be created as an autistic playground. Mordini volunteered to chair the sub committee with Witzcak as a second member.

d. Discuss and consider schedule and specifications for soliciting bids for the Campbell Park Master Plan

There is \$30,000 budgeted to spend this year on a Master Plan; Hardy expressed the desire to start sending out bids for a consultant. He is looking for ideas on what should be part of the Master Plan; the current thinking is everything there now would be included. Hardy will coordinate with recruiting groups to make a 15-minute presentation, probably at the March meeting, before selecting a consultant.

Informational Items

a. Staff Report submitted by Hardy.

Revenues were \$12,367.91 for the month of December 2021.

1) Review Park and Zoo Project Schedules

A temporary shelter was purchased for the llama and donkey after the Ochsner Park Zoo fire at a cost of about \$3,000 using funds donated from the community. There are two contractors bidding on reconstructing the barn, to be completed sometime in April. \$10,000 in donations from the community was given to Friends of Baraboo Parks which will be distributed to the Zoo to pay for expenses in response to the fire. The cause of the fire seems to be electrical, but nothing suspicious was discovered on inspection by the Fire Department.

2) Review Recreation and Pool Program Schedule

Nothing to report.

b. Subcommittee reports

1) Friends of Baraboo Parks and Zoo (Witzcak)

No report

2) Bicycle Advisory Committee (Workman)

Workman reported on an ad hoc off road committee assembled to create a trail plan for the Jackson Conservancy property. A group of six met at the Jackson Conservancy in December to walk the site and explore initial thoughts on trail placement and route. A follow up meeting is planned in January to sketch out possible trail routes and draft a master plan for trail development on the property.

Next scheduled meeting: Feb. 14, 2022 at 5:30 pm

Kierzek motioned and Mordini seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Workman, Secretary, Parks & Recreation Commission