

City of Baraboo
Parks & Recreation Commission
January 11th, 2020 – Minutes

Present: Roy Franzen, Angela Witzcak, Shelley Mordini, James Francisco, Kathleen Thurow (via phone), Craig Schlender and Mike Hardy. Also present: Bridget Cooke (Baraboo News Republic) and Carey Kipp (Baraboo Public Library).

Franzen called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Legal posting of the Agenda had been met. Witzcak motioned and Schlender seconded approval of the December 14th minutes. Motion carried.

Witzcak moved to approve the agenda as printed, seconded by Francisco. Motion carried.

Action Items:

- a. *Discuss and consider request from Baraboo Public Library to allow 2 cows in Ochsner Park for youth reading program in June:* Carey Kipp presented a request to allow for 2 cows in the park for one hour during their summer youth program. As the library grounds will be under construction, they are hoping they can hold this event in a park. They are not sure of exact date, but will be in late June during a weekday. Library staff will clean area after leaving. Thurow moved to allow the Baraboo public Library to have 2 cows in Ochsner Park near the shelter for their June youth event. Seconded by Witzcak. Motion carried.
- b. *Discuss and consider approval of Attridge Park splashpad conceptual theme and authorize fundraising:* Witzcak reported on activities of the last splashpad meeting, including a request to develop a splashpad with a theme consisting of both Circus and Whimsical features. Witzcak added that the sub-Committee had also recommended levels for donations which had been requested by many larger donors, and included naming recognition at \$150,000, Platinum Level at \$50,000, Gold Level at \$25,000, Silver Level at \$10,000, Bronze Level at \$2,500 and Friend of the Splashpad for all other donations. Franzen moved to approve the Splashpad theme using Circus and Whimsical features, seconded by Mordini, motion carried. Schlender moved to approve fundraising levels and allow splashpad committee members to solicit donations. Seconded by Mordini. Motion carried.
- c. *Discuss and consider adding Travis Wisner to the Splashpad Advisory adhoc Committee:* Franzen moved to add Travis Wisner to the Splashpad Committee. Seconded by Witzcak. Motion carried.
- d. *Discuss and consider CORP adhoc Committee members:* Hardy recommended the following members to serve on the CORP committee – James Francisco, Chantel Steinhorst, Kimberly Bruggeman, Jimmy Kimball, Todd Pershe, John Statz and Carla Cross. Mordini asked if Lili McDonald could be added to the list. Witzcak moved to approve the list of CORP candidates as presented, including McDonald, with Francisco serving as chair. Seconded by Mordini. Motion carried.
- e. *Discuss and consider 2017-2021 CORO projects and direction for 2022-2026 committee:* Hardy gave a Powerpoint presentation on the current CORP (2017-2021) as well as how it was developed and project status, noting that many of the projects included in the CORP had been completed or would be completed by the end of the year, with other being removed by the Commission or moved to the next CORP pending funding. Hardy noted the Commission's earlier decision that Aquatics and Playgrounds would be the focus of the next 5 years would take up a majority of the plan and available funding, as well as the Great Sauk State Trail development, however he will also be sending out a community survey again in 2021 to get residents input as well as inviting stakeholder groups (swim team, baseball/soccer clubs, etc.) for input as well. Franzen noted that

he would like to make sure we keep the Oak Street Overlook project on our list and add that to our priorities. Thurow added that the swimming pool needs to remain a focus and costs will determine what can be done on that. Hardy will take comments from the Commission to the CORP sub Committee for consideration.

Informational items: Hardy noted the Winterfest schedule and COVID modifications, as well as a partnership with the new Friends of Baraboo Parks group during the Candlelight Walk to serve hot cocoa and get their name out. Hardy added that the Langer skating rink is now open and has been very popular, though warming house remains closed due to COVID precautions. A second rink is being prepped at Weber Park and if weather allows will be opened soon.

December revenues were \$51,637.53

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 8, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Witczak motioned and Mordini seconded to adjourn at 6:25 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Hardy, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director