

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 9, 2019

1. Call to order by Beth Arneberg at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Members Present: Audrey Stowell, Dale Berg, Carmen Muenich, Beth Arneberg, Nate Seckora, and Rob Kiefer.
Absent: Heidi Hoekstra.
Staff present: Dick Hebert
2. Approval of March 12, Minutes: **Motion by Kiefer/Berg to approve the March 12, 2019, minutes. Motion passed.**
3. Personal Appearances By Citizens. None.
4. Discuss/consider Special Event Applications. Dick reports that the Chippewa Valley Century Ride and CRI Company Picnic applications are renewals and have no new issues. **Motion by Arneberg/Kiefer to approve Special Event Applications for Chippewa Valley Century Ride and Chippewa River Industries Company Picnic as presented. Motion passed.** Teri Ouimette is present from Main Street for Pure Water Days RiverFest. This is essentially just being moved to Chippewa Riverfront. Discussion included but was not limited to bathrooms, law enforcement, wristbands for 21 & older, and dumpsters. **Motion by Kiefer/Seckora to approve Special Event Application for Pure Water Days RiverFest – Main Street as presented. Motion passed.** Brad Hentshel from the City is present to discuss 2019 Summer Concert Services and Chippewa Falls 150th Birthday Bash. The concert series will be a free event on Sunday nights from 6 to 8. There has been good sponsorship. **Motion by Kiefer/Arneberg to approve Special Event Application for 2019 Summer Concert Series as presented. Motion passed.** The Sesquicentennial Birthday Bash runs during Pure Water Days. **Motion by Kiefer/Seckora to approve Special Event Application of Chippewa Falls 150th Birthday Bash as presented. Motion passed.** Honor Walk – Girl Scouts Northwestern Great Lakes is planning an honor walk on November 2. **Motion by Muenich/Kiefer to approve Special Event Application for Honor Walk – Girl Scouts Northwestern Great Lakes as presented with waiver of rental fee. Motion passed.**
5. Discuss/Consider:
 - a. Five Year Outdoor Rec Plan. Landon Profaizer of Regional Planning reviews the draft of the Five Year Outdoor Rec Plan. Board reviewed needs of each park. Landon will incorporate changes discussed for Park Board approval in May.
Carmen Muenich leaves during this discussion.
 - b. Erickson Park Project. Dick reports that construction is starting up again.
 - c. Improvements to Welcome Center. Dick reports that the timeline is close to being finished.

- d. Riverfront Park Improvements, Rules, Policies and Fees. Brad Hentshel discusses proposed Ordinance 12.05(3)(e) regarding sale of self-branded merchandise at Special Events. Park Board members had no objections.
 - e. Improvements and Repairs to Irvine Park Bandshell. Dick reports this should begin soon.
 - f. Replacement and Repair of Department Playground Equipment. No discussion.
 - g. William Irvine Trust. Court approved dissolution and funds being transferred to an Endowment Fund. This will take place over time.
 - h. Department Signage. Brad Hentshel mentioned that there is a street light where the sign would be placed at Chippewa Riverfront and asks that members may want to review the lighting before deciding whether the sign should be lighted.
 - i. Recreation Report. No report.
 - j. Director Report. Josh Kriesel has left; the process to fill his position has begun.
6. Approve Claims. Claims reviewed. **Motion by Seckora/Kiefer to approve claims of \$21,188.19. Motion passed.**
7. Park Board Members' Concerns or Comments. Beth has concerns about need for a sidewalk to Flag Hill. Dale has concerns with glass bottles being at Chippewa Riverfront.
8. Adjournment. **Motion by Seckora/Arneberg to adjourn at 7:40pm. Motion passed.**

Submitted by:

Audrey Stowell, Secretary