

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 13, 2019

1. Call to order by Beth Arneberg at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Members Present: Audrey Stowell, Dale Berg, Heidi Hoekstra, Carmen Muenich, Beth Arneberg, and Rob Kiefer.
Staff present: Dick Hebert and Angela George.
2. Approval of July 9, 2019, Minutes: **Motion by Kiefer/Hoekstra to approve the July 9, 2019, minutes. Motion passed.**
3. Personal Appearances By Citizens. None.
4. Discuss/consider Special Event Applications. Hebert presented Chippewa Falls Back to School – Movie in the Park event application, which is a scheduled for 09/27/19. The movie Lego II will be shown down at Riverfront Park. The City is a sponsor of the event, so Dick is recommending no rental or processing fee.
Motion by Kiefer/Berg to approve Chippewa Falls Back to School – Movie in the Park Special Event Applications as presented. Motion passed.
5. Discuss/Consider:
 - a. Presentation from Chippewa Area Historical Society by Dave Raihle. Dave Raihle of the Chippewa Area Historical Society gives presentation regarding a request for an easement alongside Bear Den Road by the future Chippewa Area Historical Society building. The terms of the easement were presented and were contained within an Easement Agreement. They would be able to use the easement to access the back of the building for large pieces of equipment as well as for outdoor displays, storage shed, and potentially future parking. All uses are contained within the agreement. The low areas would be filled in to allow for gradual slope away from the building. Water and Christmas Village concerns were discussed. The easement will need City Council and Park Board approval. **Motion by Muenich/Kiefer for the Park Board to have an on-site review of proposal, and a decision will be made at September Park meeting. Motion passed.**
 - b. Improvements and Repairs to Irvine Park Bandshell. Dick provides pictures of pillars at bandshell. The contacted contractor indicates whole parts need to be replaced as it will be more visibly pleasing than being repaired. Dick hopes to have prices at the next meeting.
 - c. Potential Eagle Scout Project. Griffin Brandt gives presentation for his Eagle Scout project. He would like to build a Gaga Ball pit. This is made of wood but would be movable; it would have a sand floor. He would like to start work in the spring. Discussed having it located at Flag Hill or Marshall Park. **Motion by Berg/Hoekstra to approve Mr. Brandt's Eagle Scout Project as presented at Marshall Park. Motion passed.**
 - d. Improvements and Master Plan for Flag Hill. No report.

- e. Erickson Park Project. Dick indicates the punchlist items are being done. The bollards are still needed.
 - f. Improvements to Welcome Center. Dick provided an updated financial report. Sound improvements and major donors' wall for entire park system still need to be completed.
 - g. Riverfront Park Improvements, Rules, Policies and Fees. Dick reports that the fountain is now complete. The watering system needs to be completed yet. Pure Water Days' weekend was great. There were lots of people. For first year things went very well. Garbage pick-up process will need to be improved.
 - h. Recreation Report. Angela George reports the weekend pickle ball tournament went well. Profit helps pay for the porta-potty at the pickle ball court. Possibility of having mixed couples teams next year. She believes pool attendance has been down this year. The pool opened late, and the last open day is this coming Sunday. Summer programs are finishing up; fall soccer will be starting.
 - i. Director Report. No report.
6. Approve Claims. Claims reviewed. **Motion by Muenich/Kiefer to approve claims of \$71,569.40. Motion passed.**
7. Park Board Members' Concerns or Comments. Big THANK YOU to Heidi Hoekstra for her 11 years of service on the Board. A brick with her name on it will be purchased and placed in the Park.
8. Adjournment. **Motion by Muenich/Hoekstra to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Motion passed.**

Submitted by:

Audrey Stowell, Secretary