

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

1. Call to order by Beth Arneberg at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Members Present: Audrey Stowell, Carmen Muenich, Beth Arneberg, Justin Agnew and Rob Kiefer. Absent: John Abbe and Dale Berg.
Staff present: Dick Hebert.
2. Approval of Minutes: October 8, 2019: **Motion by Kiefer/Muenich to approve minutes of October 8, 2019. Motion passed.**
3. Personal Appearances By Citizens. None.
Dale Berg and John Abbe arrive.
4. Discuss/Consider Special Event Applications. The Pure Water Days RiverFest – Main Street renewal at Riverfront Park for 08/08/20 will be discussed next month.
5. Discuss/Consider:
 - a. Design and Installation of Platforms in Bear and Tiger Exhibit. Cindy Welk of The Snout Saloon presents proposal to purchase 2 platforms: one for the bears and one for the tigers. Platforms will be installed by Krueger Welding. Wood tops need to be placed on the platforms once installed; staff has a preference for a specific wood. Costs are being covered by funds raised by The Snout, although if not enough funds to cover the preferred wood, donation funds could be used. **Motion by Berg/Kiefer to approve proposal of the two platforms as presented. Motion passed.**
 - b. Directional Signage Park Ski/Walking Trail. Sophie Hoffman gives presentation for signage on the Flag Hill Walking/Ski Trail for her Troop 3209 Silver Award project. Project requires 50 hours of labor and involves placement of directional and mileage signs along ski trail from Flag Hill to County Rd S. The cost is \$313.20 and will be paid for through funds raised by Troop 3209. The troop will also install. Dick indicates additional signs may be desired, at our cost. **Motion by Kiefer/Arneberg to approve project as presented. Motion passed.**
 - c. Erickson Park Project. Will be discussed at December meeting.
 - d. Improvements to Welcome Center. Discussion regarding putting together an RFP (using the pool concession RFP as template) for concessions at the Welcome Center. Also discussed the ice problem that was brought up last year. Dick reports that additional dams and a gutter will be installed to resolve. There was also some discussion regarding the donor board.
 - e. Improvements and Repairs to Irvine Park Bandshell. Dick reports that the bandshell is done except for the epoxy.
 - f. Park Signage. Brief discussion re overall intent of sign placement and status.

- g. Improvements and Master Plan for Flag Hill. Steering Committee has met. Ayres is putting together concepts. Steering Committee is looking to meet again during the week of December 2.
 - h. Riverfront Park Improvements, Rules, Policies and Fees. Dick presents proposal from Art Committee. Proposed members are Teri Ouimette, Michelle Farrow, John Lauson, Ruth Anne Gilbertson, Deb Johnson, Tena Hoag with a member of the Park Board. There is a proposal to purchase a piece of art entitled River's Journey to be placed in the Bay Street Plaza planting area. Dick reports that there is a donor willing to purchase. **Motion by Muenich/Berg to approve creation of Chippewa Falls Art Committee with proposed members and having Beth Arneberg serve as the Park Board member. Motion by Kiefer/Arneberg to accept artwork and placement as suggested by Art Committee. Motion passed.**
 - i. Recreation Report. Given with Director Report.
 - j. Director Report. Dick distributes brochures for the Park Board to review for updates. He also reports that Run for the Lights is going well with a number of participants already registered. There are also good volunteer groups putting up the lights for Christmas Village.
- 6. Approve Claims. **Motion by Kiefer/Muenich to approve claims of \$138,761.85. Motion passed.**
 - 7. Park Board Members' Concerns or Comments. Discussion included having review of brochures on next month's agent; loss of male elk; closing of Riverfront bathrooms at night; and future touring of neighborhood parks.
 - 8. Adjournment. **Motion by Muenich/Kiefer to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Motion passed.**

Submitted by:

Audrey Stowell, Secretary