

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 11, 2015

1. Call to order by Beth Arneberg at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Members Present: Audrey Stowell, Dale Berg, Carmen Muenich, Beth Arneberg, Heidi Hoekstra, Rob Kiefer and Nate Seckora.
Staff present: Dick Hebert, Kevin Sweeney and Tom Eisenhauer.
2. Approval of July 2, 2015, and July 14, 2015, Minutes: **Motion by Dale Berg, seconded by Heidi Hoekstra, to approve the July 2 and July 14, 2015, minutes. Motion carried.**
3. Personal Appearances By Citizens. None.
4. Discuss / Consider Special Event Applications: None.
5. Discuss/Consider:

- a. Irvine Park Welcome Center/Small Animal/Aviary Building.
 - Discuss Landscape Plan

Jim Hohncke presents a landscape plan, which includes dry bed and plants designed to place space between public and the animals. Brief discussion regarding which perennials should be used; plants can be exchanged with like plants. **Motion by Carmen Muenich, seconded by Rob Kiefer, to approve the landscape plan as prepared and presented by James D. Hohncke, Jr. of JDH Landscape Architects, Inc.**

Dick Hebert also briefly discussed the fiber-optic cable, specifically phase 3, which goes to Rutledge Home and distributed a letter of intent.

Dick Hebert also presents CBS Squared Inc.'s Amendment to Agreement for Profession Services. The amendment is for additional services at a cost of \$14,590.00 bringing our total agreement to \$127,843. **Motion by Carmen Muenich, seconded by Dale Berg, to approve CBS Squared Inc.'s Amendment to Agreement for Profession Services as presented. Motion carried.**

- b. Park Signage. Dick Hebert recommends having Rick Rubenzer attend the next meeting to explain the City ordinances regarding signs.
- c. Recreation Report. Tommy Eisenhauer reports softball leagues are complete; fall soccer sign up has good numbers. He also indicates that the pool will be closing one week early due to lack of staffing with the college kids returning to school. The Kubb tournament also went well at Pure Water Days.
- d. Director's Report. Dick Hebert commended Kevin Sweeney and Jennifer London and the other park employees for the great work they do. Beth Arneberg also commented on the work they do with Eagle Scouts and how beneficial that is for all involved.

Dick Hebert also discussed the emerald ash bore community group. The first step will be to do an inventory of trees. The communities will then collaborate for grant-writing. The cities of Cornell, Chippewa Falls, Bloomer, and part of the county will be involved with this group, who is working with the West Central Regional Planning. Costs will be split but are unknown at this time.

6. Approve Claims. **Motion by Dale Berg/Carmen Muenich, to approve claims of \$59,666.55. Motion passed.** Beth Arneberg asked about the steel for gate item. Dick indicated some of the gates in Irvine Park are being redone so that when they are closed, bikes can easily get through and will not have to go around. Dick also indicated that the paving issue was resolved with Monarch Paving.
7. Park Board Member comments or concerns. Carmen Muenich asked if we were on track to start demo, and the answer is yes. Dick would like to have the university students catalog the artifacts this winter. Dale Berg asked about getting the same animals back in the spring; Jennifer indicated that she thought that would be dependent upon the availability at the time.
8. Adjournment. **Motion by Carmen Muenich/Beth Arneberg, to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Motion passed.**

Submitted by:

Audrey Stowell, Secretary