

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 8, 2015

1. Call to order by Beth Arneberg at 6:04 p.m.
Roll Call: Members Present: Dale Berg, Beth Arneberg, Heidi Hoekstra, Nate Seckora, and Audrey Stowell. Absent: Carmen Muenich and Rob Kiefer.
Staff present: Dick Hebert and Tommy Eisenhauer.
2. Approval of November 10, 2015, Minutes: **Motion by Nate Seckora/Beth Arneberg to approve the November 10, 2015, minutes. Motion carried.**
3. Personal Appearances By Citizens. Cindy Welk presents on behalf of the Snout Saloon. A total of \$4,593 was raised through the 3rd Irvine Zoo Bike Run held in May. The money raised is to be used for animal enrichment. Various toys and enrichment items were purchased in the amount of \$2,663.62, and a check for \$1,929.38 was presented to the Board. The Board is thankful for this generous gift and the efforts of Cindy Welk and Jennifer London in organizing this event. The 4th annual Bike Run will be held on May 21, 2016.
4. Discuss / Consider Special Event Applications: None.
5. Discuss/Consider:
 - a. Erickson Park Improvement Project. Ron Bakken presents a proposal for professional Landscape Architectural services by Ayres Associates. Discussion included but was not limited to scope of services, schedule, fee, grants, facilities, and coordination between City, Ayres, and Fish Chippewa. **Motion by Beth Arneberg/Dale Berg to accept Ayres' proposal for the final design and construction documents contingent upon receipt of \$84,300.00 from Fish Chippewa. Motion carried.**
 - b. Irvine Park Welcome Center / Small Animal / Aviary Building. Dick Hebert discusses changes in the road in front of the Center. Discussion included but was not limited to construction schedule, parking, and changing to allow only one-way traffic. Final design is to be approved by the Park Board.
 - c. Department Community Foundation Funds. Dick Hebert discussed the five different funds that are held with the Community Foundation of Chippewa County. As President, Beth Arneberg will sign the Letter of Agreement for the Irvine Park Endowment Fund as requested. Discussion regarding the funds available to grant. Dick Hebert recommends using the funds available from the Irvine Park Endowment Fund toward finalizing the fiber optic. Also discussed was the need for shingling at the Activity Building and pool. After discussion, **motion by Dale Berg/Heidi Hoekstra to use the \$16,527.00 available to grant from the Irvine Park Endowment Fund toward Irvine Park improvements. Motion carried. Motion by Beth Arneberg/Heidi Hoekstra to move the \$9, 170.00 available to grant from the Chippewa Falls Parks, Recreation and Forestry Endowment Fund to the Irvine Park Fund. Motion carried.**

- d. Director's Report. Dick Hebert presents a letter from the Thorpe Foundation agreeing to the funding of \$100,000 for 2016 for the purpose of constructing the Welcome Center.
- e. Recreation Report. The 2015 Pool Report was presented and discussed. It was a good year. Also discussed the caulking that is needed at the pool.
- 6. Approve Claims. **Motion by Nate Seckora/Dale Berg to approve claims of \$40,782.48. Motion carried.**
- 7. Board Member comments or concerns. Comments and brief discussion by Board members included farm display, artifacts display and involvement of UW students, recognition of The Snout and its fundraising, LED lights at Christmas Village, donation boxes, and pickle ball courts.
- 8. Adjournment. **Motion by Heidi Hoekstra/Nate Seckora to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by:

Audrey Stowell, Secretary