

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 13, 2016

1. Call to order by Beth Arneberg at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Members Present: Audrey Stowell, Dale Berg, Carmen Muenich, Beth Arneberg and Heidi Hoekstra. Absent: Rob Kiefer.
Staff present: Dick Hebert.
2. Approval of August 9, 2016, Minutes: **Motion by Hoekstra/Muenich to approve August 9, 2016, minutes. Motion carried.**
3. Personal Appearances By Citizens. None.
4. Discuss / Consider Special Event Applications:
 - a. Pledge 4 Paws Dog Walk. This is a renewal request of an annual event. It is scheduled for 09/23/16 at Flag Hill & the Loretta Cutsforth pavilion. Rental fees are paid, processing fee is paid & insurance provided. **Motion by Arneberg/Berg to approve special event application with past practices as presented. Motion carried.**
5. Discuss/Consider:
 - a. Discuss Improvements to Skateboard Park. Hebert indicates that the asphalt pad at the skateboard park at Marshall Park is too slow and rough so that kids are not using it. They are opting to use the basketball courts instead. It needs to have a new concrete pad installed. The equipment would stay except for an old concrete piece that is currently in the middle of the park. Hebert states there is a group that is looking to raise the funds for the project. A Master Plan was developed approximately five years ago for Marshall Park that called for the skateboard park to be moved closer to the road. It was discussed that the master plan and location of the skateboard park should be reviewed. The schedule of the project was also discussed. Kari McCanna attended the meeting to express support for the project and the fundraising effort. A sketch of the Master Plan was shared with Mrs. McCanna that showed the potential new location of the Skateboard Park. **Motion by Berg/Seckora supporting the raising of funds for a new concrete pad for the skateboard park with the location within Marshall Park to be determined at a future date. Motion carried.**
 - b. Discuss 2016 Thorpe Foundation Funding Request. Hebert recommends requesting the Thorpe Foundation make the final payment of \$150,000 for its pledge for the Welcome Center. **Motion by Arneberg/Hoekstra to request \$150,000 from the Thorpe Foundation for the 2016 funding request for final payment of its pledge for the Welcome Center. Motion carried.**
 - c. Presentation of Native Tree Trail in Irvine Park. Don Bichner presents the history of the trail and the additional trees that are being placed. The native tree trail is on crushed granite and is approximately one mile long. There was discussion about having placing information and brochures at the Welcome Center in addition to having set tours scheduled periodically for the

native tree trail and wild flower area. It was suggested that a map be developed showing all trails in Irvine Park mapped out and available at the Welcome Center. Dick suggested this may be something the County would be able to help with. No action taken.

- d. Director's Report. Hebert reports that Irvine Park was generously named as a recipient of the Daniel Paff Estate with funds to be used for improvements to Irvine Park & Zoo. Mr. Paff was a teacher at the Chippewa Falls High School. Hebert and the Board are thankful for this gift. We have received an initial check for \$60,000 that was added to the Irvine Park Capital Campaign. The Voyagers will soon begin. They were there today, but the project is still being sketched. The higher areas will be painted during the United Way Day of Caring on Friday.
- e. Recreation Report. There is no report.

Carmen Muenich left at this time.

- 6. Approve Claims. Claims reviewed. **Motion by Berg / Hoekstra to approve claims of \$285,406.74. Motion carried.**
- 7. Park Board Members' Concerns or Comments. Hoekstra asked about the drone policy and rental of education pod, both of which are outstanding issues. She also asked about winter hours of the Welcome Center, which will be 10-3. Hoekstra also asked about the status of the artifact displays. Hebert is hoping to have a history student next semester or provide an internship for next summer.
- 8. Adjournment. **Motion by Stowell / Hoekstra to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by:

Audrey Stowell, Secretary