

**PARKS, FORESTRY, & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Monday, July 19, 2021, Minutes**

**Common Council Chambers, City Hall**

**75 N Bonson Street, Platteville, WI 53818**

The regular meeting of the Platteville Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee of the City of Platteville was called to order by Jason Artz at 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Jason Artz, Erin Ihm, Cindy Tang, Suraya Strobl, Brian Whisenant, Victoria Hundhausen

Others in Attendance: Adam Ruechel, Ken Kilian, Elmer Kaiser, Sam Villeneuve, Kelly Jo Hadfield, Kim Zielinski, Matt Zielinski, Morgan Arnold, Christina Burr, Jill Hoffman, and Luke Peters

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER: VICTORIA HUNDHAUSEN**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- a. Cindy Tang stated that a member of the public had come to her requesting staff to look at the painting and wiring of the City Park gazebo.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Cindy Tang to approve the minutes from April 19, 2021, seconded by Brian Whisenant. Motion carried.

**STAFF UPDATE:**

- a. Broske Center Update
- b. Aquatic Center
- c. Recreation Programs

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **All Inclusive Parks** – Christina Burr and Morgan Arnold presented to the Committee the idea of fundraising and building an inclusive playground within a park in Platteville. Several members of the public were present and spoke in favor of the idea. The Committee was excited about the possibility and were looking forward to helping in the creation of an inclusive playground. There will be a public meeting regarding this project in September.
- b. **Harrison Park Flag** - Elmer Kaiser presented a letter to the Committee asking for a flagpole to be installed near the signage of Harrison Park. After discussion Brian Whisenant made a motion to allow staff to explore the costs of adding a flagpole in Harrison Park, seconded by Suraya Strobl. Motion carried.
- c. **Dogs in Municipal Parks** - Elmer Kaiser presented a letter to the Committee asking that additional “no dog” signs be added to each corner of Harrison Park. Elmer noted that he has been bitten twice in the past [not in Harrison Park] and that the average lawsuit for a dog bite is \$50,000. Ken Killian live across the street from the park and added that the font on the current signs is too small. After discussion, Cindy Tang made a motion to table the discussion and requested that staff return with information on ordinances from our benchmark cities, seconded by Erin Ihm. Motion carried.
- d. **Mound View Campground Regulations Review** - Luke Peters presented an updated list of rules for Mound View Park & Campground, which included the addition of a 14-day limit before campers had to vacate the site for a minimum of one day. There was discussion regarding the length of removal being 24 or 48 hours. Erin Ihm made a motion to table the discussion and requested that staff return with information on length of removal from other campgrounds, seconded by Brian Whisenant. Motion carried.
- e. **CIP Items or Initiatives** - Luke Peters asked the Committee for feedback on Capital Improvement Projects they wanted to prioritize for the next 5 years. Upon reviewing the list of initiatives in the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan the Committee requested that a condensed list be provided, which excluded projects that had been completed since the plan was created. Staff can provide this list for the next meeting.

**RESCHEDULE AUGUST 16, 2021, MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will take place on August 23, 2021, at City Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Suraya Strobl, seconded by Erin Ihm. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes by Luke Peters