

PARKS, FORESTRY, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Monday, October 18, 2021 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Platteville Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee of the City of Platteville was called to order by Jason Artz at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jason Artz, Erin Ihm, Cindy Tang, Suraya Strobl, Don Francis, Brian Whisenant

Not Present: Victoria Hundhausen

Others in Attendance: Christina Burr, Kim Zielinski, Adam Ruechel, and Luke Peters

CITIZEN COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Suraya Strobl to approve the amended minutes from August 23, 2021, seconded by Cindy Tang. Motion carried.

STAFF UPDATE:

- a. Broske Center
- b. Recreation Programs
- c. Flaggpole in Harrison Park
- d. Dogs in Municipal Parks

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Inclusive Playground Location** – Christina Burr and Kim Zielinski presented a PowerPoint outlining potential locations for the Inclusive Playground. Their top four locations included three different options in Smith Park and Legion Park as their preferred alternative. After some discussion Brian Whisenant made a motion to recommend to the Common Council that Smith Park be the chosen location, seconded by Suraya Strobl. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Broske Sound Control** – Community leaders of the Broske Center project have researched options for increasing sound absorption at the center. Their proposed project would add 47 sound absorbing wall panels at the total cost of \$25,000. They are asking the City to contribute \$6,000 towards this project from the Broske Center Donation Trust. After some discussion, Surya Strobl made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$3,000 this year and \$3,000 next year towards the sound absorption project, seconded by Brian Whisenant. Motion carried.
- b. Proposed Recreation & Aquatic Center Fees** – Luke Peters presented optional fee increases for the 2022 Fee Schedule. Options presented included an increase in Broske Center Hall rentals from \$100 to \$150, an increase in the daily aquatic center passes from \$3 to \$4, an increase in the additional person charge for season passes from \$20 to \$25, and the addition of a “Tier #3” in recreation programming fees. Tier #3 would be \$45 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. This fee would likely be used to help cover the rising uniform costs for NFL Flag Football. After some discussion Cindy Tang made a motion to recommend to the Common Council the addition of a Tier #3 for recreation programming with prices set at \$45 for residents and \$60 for non-residents, seconded by Erin Ihm. Motion carried. A second motion was made by Cindy Tang to recommend to the Common Council an increase in daily aquatic center passes from \$3 to \$4 and an increase in the additional person charge for season passes from \$20 to \$25, seconded by Surya Strobl. Motion carried. No motion was made on the Broske Center fee changes and the topic will be brought back at a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

Motion to adjourn by Cindy Tang, seconded by Brian Whisenant. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes by Luke Peters