

## **PARKS, FORESTRY, & RECREATION COMMITTEE Minutes**

**Date June 19, 2023\_**

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 Police Station Public Service Room.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Jason Artz\_\_X\_\_, Don Francis\_\_\_\_, Erin Ihm\_\_X\_\_\_\_, Suraya Strobl\_\_X\_\_, Cindy Tang\_\_\_\_,  
Victoria Hundhausen\_\_X\_\_\_\_, Brian Whisenant\_\_x\_\_ Debi Sigwarth\_\_X\_\_  
Staff in Attendance: Robert Lowe\_\_X\_\_ Clint Langreck\_\_

Members of the Public:

Kristal Prohaska and Laurie Graney

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Kristal Prohaska and Laurie Graney spoke and gave an update to the committee on the Indian Park Historical Marker. They reported that the marker has been approved and are now waiting on the company that produces them to give them a quote and time frame to complete the marker. The goal is to mount the marker on a large bolder that will be placed in Indian Park. They have asked staff and committee members to take a look and see where they would like to have the boulder placed.

Director Lowe and Committee Chair Artz introduced our new Committee Member, Debi Sigwarth. Debi has great experience and will be a very good addition to our committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Suraya Strobl to approve the minutes from the May 2023 meeting, seconded by Erin Ihm. Motion carried. New committee member Sigwarth abstained.

### **STAFF UPDATES were given on:**

- a. PFAC Pool Operations-Director Lowe reported that the operating repairs are paying off. Rough data shows that the pool is using about half of the previous year's water usage. This data shows that we will save about 1 million gallons of treated, heated water for the season. More data to follow.
- b. Senior Center relocation progress-Lowe reported that the Senior Center is up and operating. Most of the feedback has been very positive. Staff has also worked with the new owners of the Armory to begin the yoga classes there on Wednesday mornings.
- c. Highland Park-Lowe reports that staff have applied to a design program offered by the University of Wisconsin for urban design capstone students. If the city application is accepted the students majoring in urban design will create a plan for the wetland we have at Highland Park. Applicants will be contacted in September.
- d. Activities-Participation numbers for Tball have exceeded expectations. The new tball program is being conducted by PYDS at Legions new Rookie Field.

II. New Business

- A. Fee increases for 2024.  
Director Lowe brought copies of the current activity fees. The committee is being asked by the committee for recommendations for increases. The pool fees are well below other community fields, and the PYDS fees are barely covering the cost of uniforms.
- B. Dogs in City Parks.  
Discussion was had on committee guidance to ask the PD to enforce the current no dogs in City Park or to advise Council on a possible ordinance change.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Dairy Days and Jaycees lease at Legion Park.  
Director Lowe reported there is some progress with Dairy Days Inc.'s lease. Not much progress with the Jaycees. Lowe is trying to set up a meeting with the Jaycees again.
- B. Indian Park Marker.  
The committee heard from those during the citizen comments and the committee and staff are to select a desired location for the site.

**NEXT MEETING – Monday, July 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m. in the Police Station Community Room.**

Motion to adjourn by Erin Ihm seconded by Debi Sigwarth. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm  
Minutes by Robert Lowe