

PARKS, FORESTRY, & RECREATION COMMITTEE Minutes

Date February 19, 2024

The regular meeting of the Platteville Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee of the City of Platteville was called to order by Jason Artz at 7:04 p.m. in the City Hall North Conference room and Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Present by zoom: Jason Artz__X____, Ari Ihm__X____, Suraya Strobl__X____, Cindy Tang __X____, Victoria Hundhausen__X____, Debi Sigwarth__X__, Lucas Dresden_____

Staff in Attendance: Robert Lowe__X__ Clint Langreck ___ Adam Bartels__X__

Members of the Public:

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Discussion was held on a couple of topics brought to Director Lowe by members of the public.

First topic of discussion was the Wisconsin's Statewide Smoke Free Air Law passed in 2010. This Act allows Municipalities to identify public owned properties as smoke free, including parks and their amenities. The other topic was City Park. Discussion was had regarding replacing the garbage can containers and Main Streets thoughts on a possible art exhibit. Director Lowe had concerns regarding an additional exhibit in increasingly limited space in City Park. More discussion to be had.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Ari Ihm to approve the minutes from the January, 2024 meeting, seconded by Suraya Strobl. Motion carried.

STAFF UPDATES were given on:

Family Aquatic Center

Concrete boring: With the completion of the Water Integrity Test for the Pool and the fact that it showed water loss in various locations, Director Lowe suggests that concrete core borings should be done at various locations. The boring and analysis would show if there were voids in the subsoils caused by the leaks in the pool. It would also analysis the cement and give a life expectancy for the cement in place. Lowe sought out quotes from Burbach Engineering and their contractors for concrete boring tests. Those quotes came back and both quotes are approximately \$40,000. Discussion is on going as to where the funds would come from if the decision was made to move forward on the project.

Lifeguard and personnel hire progress; Events Coordinator Bartels reported good progress in the hiring process for pool guards. We currently have 19 hires with goal of 22.

Senior Center CIP 2023

Director Lowe reported the project is complete. There is a deficit of approximately \$15,000 left to cover the expenditures. The plan is to sell the minivan to the airport which will cover about \$9000 of that short fall, and

the rest with donations made to the senior center. Overall, it has been a great new long-term space for the seniors.

City Park Camera Progress

Lowe reports he has drafted a template agreement for the Veterans group camera project. He has met, and has upcoming meetings, with TCI Networks and Administration to figure out logistics and costs for the project. It is the desire of all parties to move forward, and he expects to have the complete plan within the next month.

Activities

While keeping score at the Women's League Volleyball Tournament, Events Coordinator Bartels gave a activities update. The participation sign-up numbers are very good for all the spring activities. Including intro to sports. So good in fact that we have 16 on the wait list. We are hoping to add another attendant so that we may add an additional class.

New Business

None

Old Business

A Broske revenue yearly comparison graph was shared with the committee. It further emphasized the plan to make the center budget neutral is working. The number of reservations was down slightly for 2023 but the income is substantially higher. This has not only relieved some of the labor demands, but also provided needed revenue.

NEXT MEETING – Monday March 18, 2024 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall North Conference Room as well as a zoom link to be provided.

Motion to adjourn by Cindy Tang seconded by Suraya Strobl. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm
Minutes by Robert Lowe