



**PARKS, FORESTRY & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Monday, August 21, 2023, 7:00 PM**

Meeting will be held in person.  
Police Department Community Room  
165 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Platteville, WI

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Citizen Comments**
- III. Approval of Minutes:** July 17, 2023
- IV. Staff Update**
  - a. PFAC Pool Operating Repairs
  - b. Jenor Park
  - c. Activities
- V. New Business**
  - a. Tier 3 activity fee increase for 2024. (NFL Flag and PYDS)
  - b. All other fees will remain the same as 2023.
- VI. Old Business**
  - a. Dairy Days and Jaycees Lease of the Legion Park storage shed.
- VII. Next Meeting:** September 18, 2023
- VIII. Adjournment**

If attendance requires special accommodation, please contact (608) 348-9741

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

**Date July 17, 2023\_**

The regular meeting of the Platteville Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee of the City of Platteville was called to order by Brian Whisenant at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Station Public Service Room.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Jason Artz\_\_\_\_\_, Ari Ihm\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_, Suraya Strobl\_\_\_\_\_, Cindy Tang \_\_x\_\_\_\_\_,  
Victoria Hundhausen\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_, Brian Whisenant\_\_x\_\_ Debi Sigwarth\_\_X\_\_

Staff in Attendance: Robert Lowe\_\_X\_\_ Clint Langreck \_\_\_\_

Counsel Alderperson Ken Kilian was in attendance and spoke during public comments as well.

### **Members of the Public:**

Linda Schmidt, Gloria Johnson, Kim Geib, Mary Weinzetl, Mary Malischke, Maureen Vorwald, Paul Malischke.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Schmidt, Johnson, Geib, and Weinzetl all spoke on issues regarding Jenor Park. Street crossing and curb were a big concern. They also spoke about the issue of lighting, retaining wall and the stairs at Jenor. Director Lowe spoke of the fact that many of these issues have been cut from the CIP requests for the last few years.

Paul Malischke spoke to condition of the path in Mound View. Requesting repairs to certain areas.

Vorwald spoke to request additional funding and consideration for improving basketball courts in various parks and requests for a bigger ice rink.

Mary Malischke spoke regarding pool surface slippery conditions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Ari Ihm to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2023, meeting, subject to the follow script error corrections; Ari Ihm, formerly known as Erin Ihm, was present, and Brian Whisenant should have been reported as absent, seconded with corrections by Cindy Tang. Motion carried.

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

- a. Legion Park's Pickle ball courts.

Staff reported the resurfacing of the pickle ball courts is done. The project still needs landscaping and the original sign reinstalled. It is also noted that motorcycle kick stands have caused some indent holes in the new black top. A concrete pad will need to be poured at some time.

b. Westview Park's Tennis courts.

Staff reported that the general contractor met with Delta3 and parks staff at the Westview Tennis Courts. The resurfacing was done in 2021 but was not signed off as completed. The finishing work was to be completed this year and was not. Staff are pushing to get this job completed.

c. Smith Park's Inclusive Playground.

Staff reports the new cameras are up and running for the park. It appears to have reduced the amount of small vandalism already with the camera's presence. The new playground has created considerably more time requirements by ground crew with cleaning and maintenance requirements. There are still issues with the bathroom door closing mechanisms.

II. New Business

a. City Park Events restroom facility use.

Committee Member Tang had asked for clarification on City Park's policy of new porta potty in the park. Although permits do allow for special requests, a City Park permit clearly defines that there are no public restrooms in that park, however the City Hall restrooms are available.

III. Old Business

a. Dairy Days and Jaycees Lease of the Legion Park storage shed.

Director Lowe gave an update on lease discussions regarding the storage sheds. Discussions have come to a standstill as there has been no response to a request for proposals from the lessees.

b. Fee increases for 2024. ActiveNet rate increases, increases in cost of services.

Discussion again regarding pool entry fees, pool passes, and other activity fees were held. Further discussions were tabled.

c. Dogs in City Parks. Discussions were held again regarding the ordinance of no dogs in some parks.

Issues that were discussed: Is there an expectation that the Police Department should spend considerable resources to strictly enforce the ordinance? Should the ordinance be changed to allow leashed pets? Further discussion was tabled.

**NEXT MEETING – Monday August 21, 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 8:30 pm

Minutes by Robert Lowe