



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – April 20, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

X	Jim Wise		Kate Hancock - Cooke		Gary Lawell
X	Peter Kelly	X	Eric Maggio	X	Ted Galloway
X	Lee Hillstrom	X	Ashley Ondresky	X	Scott Weber

STAFF PRESENT

X Michael T. Kading, Director of Parks & Recreation
X Jim Kluge, Superintendent of Recreation
Trevor Fink, Superintendent of Parks
X Stephanie Schott, Recreation Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Fahrenkrug, Gail Minks, Bob Borszich, Deby Netzel, Deb Skyrms, and John Skyrms

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Commissioner Kelly at 4:30 P.M.

Commission President Kelly acknowledged newly appointed Scott Weber, Council Representative, to the Commission and requested that all Commission members introduce themselves.

CORRESPONDENCE

Memo pertaining to a request for cameras at Shattuck Park was reviewed.

APPEARANCES

Mike Fahrenkrug indicated that he was part of the group who initiated the cameras that are currently at the harbor and rec pool (overlooking the lake and parking lot). He asked that the Commission consider placement of cameras at Shattuck. Mr. Fahrenkrug is aware that City staff and a representative met and decided that this was not in the City's best interest. He further noted that he was part of a discussion this morning with the Mayor, City Attorney, and Director Kading, where the concept was further discussed with the same recommendation. He would like for the Commission to consider. Commissioners indicated that art (music) is protected and cannot be streamed without consent, cyber security remains of the utmost concern, and that technically the library cannot post cameras on the bike racks due to identification of individuals. The Commission requested that this item be placed on the May agenda.

Deb Skyrms was there representing the pickleball community. What does the future of pickleball look like in Neenah? She is hopeful that given all of the activity, there will be future consideration given to dedicated pickleball courts. Pickleball is a great activity for all ages but has had a significant impact on older persons. Players do not like overlays.

Deb Netzel noted that with the nice weather, no one was playing at Washington Park (staff further noted the same at Doty and Smith Parks).

Commissioner Kelly inquired about scheduled activities at the courts. Rec. Supervisor Schott noted that (tennis) lessons are held at Green, Washington, Ivy, high school, and Southview courts in the

morning during the summer, in addition to adult open play hours at Doty. She further noted that except for Southview the lessons are held from 8:30–9:30am and that adult tennis players are also looking for court space in the morning. Of further note, the department has heard from the tennis community that they too do not like the overlay lines.

John Skyrms indicated that pickleball is a great growing sport, and a pickleball complex of 6-8 courts would be a wonderful addition to the park system.

MINUTES

MSC Hillstrom/Galloway to approve the minutes of the March 16, 30, and April 11, 2023 meetings. All voting aye.

BILL VOUCHERS

Commissioner Kelly reviewed the vouchers for March and found them to be in order.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The quarterly report was reviewed, and youth programs were specifically noted as already exceeding last year's revenue budget. Commissioner Kelly noted that we are 25% through the year, and revenues/expenditures seem to be in line.

MISSION ACTION REPORT

The report was distributed earlier. The following item was discussed:

- Arrowhead Pier update was provided. Expect decking and railing to be installed over the course of the next couple of weeks with the quiet water launch being installed in July.

BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

BUSINESS ITEM #1: Veterans Memorial Discussion

Director Kading reviewed information from a meeting that was held recently with the mayor and veteran representatives. The potential of developing a flag memorial within the city was discussed, and several sites were identified and discussed. Parks & Rec staff reviewed the request and further suggested the sites included in the packet (Doty, Riverside, Memorial Parks or Oak Hill Cemetery). A further consideration could be Shattuck. Staff is asking Commissioners to review each of the sites and bring a recommendation to the May Commission meeting.

Action: Discussion only

BUSINESS ITEM # 2: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Director Kading reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding that has been developed with USCG – Aux. He noted that the third-party Insurance Liability Release has been received and that the Axillary should be recognized as USCG-Aux, not as USCGA.

Action: MSC Galloway/Hillstrom to accept the MOU as corrected with the USCG-Aux. All voting aye.

BUSINESS ITEM # 3: Commission Retreat Work Priorities

Commissioner Kelly noted that the Bylaw Task Force will be meeting the first two Mondays in May to review and make recommendations to the current bylaws. He further requested individuals to help with the onboarding development. Commissioners Ondresky, Wise, and Kelly showed a willingness to serve. It was noted that Commissioner Hancock-Cooke had earlier indicated a willingness.

Action: Discussion only

BUSINESS ITEM # 4: 2023 CIP Update

Director Kading reviewed the Gantt Chart. Commissioner Hillstrom noted that the picnic tables are now showing up throughout the park system. The legs seem very strong and will accommodate ADA concerns. He expressed his thanks to Superintendent Fink.

BUSINESS ITEM # 5: Announcements and Future Agenda Items

Arbor Day Celebration is Friday, April 28, 10:30am at Kimberly Point Park
May 18 Commission Meeting, Whiting Boat House
Carpenter Preserve Discussion w/Graef
Camera Request

LIAISON REPORTS

ARROWHEAD DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE: Commissioner Kelly reviewed the draft concept plan and asked for any further input. He would like all members of the Commission to be on the same page moving forward. Commissioner Galloway felt the bridge/connector from Gateway into the park is an excellent idea. It is about creating unique assets. Commissioner Kelly further noted that #11 was artificial turf that could be used throughout the year. Commissioner Ondresky was pleasantly surprised and looks forward to the development of the park.

PLANS COMMISSION: No report

HARBOR COMMITTEE: Galloway reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, beginning at 4:00pm.

MSC Hillstrom / Wise to adjourn at 5:33pm.

Recorded for the Commission by Michael T. Kading, CPRP