



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING – April 11, 2023
Arrowhead Conceptual Master Planning

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bethany Gengler, Neenah News and Mike Bell, RDG

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Commissioner Kelly at 4:31 P.M.

BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

BUSINESS ITEM #1: Arrowhead Conceptual Master Planning

President Kelly opened with a brief introduction of the project, overall process, and current status, while stating that today’s meeting is a listening/learning session with no decisions being made. He then introduced Mike Bell from RDG.

Mike Bell proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation and opened the floor to discussion, questions, and comments.

Will the DNR and Public Trust Board permit what is being proposed? Once the conceptual master planning process is completed and approved by the City, staff will meet with the DNR and Public Trust Board to review and receive feedback on the proposed plan.

What was the consideration for the location and orientation for the amphitheater? The proposed location was based on many factors, such as sun, neighbors, and proximity to support facilities.

The idea of public alcohol consumption has been mentioned several times. Are we considering changing the ordinances to permit? Should the Commission and City wish to have a facility that serves alcohol and further wish for alcohol to be consumed in the park, the ordinances will need to be changed to reflect these wishes.

Please explain the bridge over the railroad track. Through the downtown development plan, a pedestrian bridge has been proposed to further connect the downtown and park with a unique feature.

Consideration of boardwalks – need to use low maintenance materials. Trails should be built with crushed limestone.

Maintenance of the park will be an ongoing issue and should always be part of the discussion moving forward. Be practical with material used to develop.

Commissioners wish to know:

- The legalities related to the Public Trust Doctrine.
- Soundings of the Little Lake Butte des Morts and the ability to accommodate boat traffic.
- How can we best move water along the shore with the intentions of reducing weed growth and algae collection?

Mike summarized and wrapped up the conversation by stating the master planning process will direct the balance of the overall development.

MSC Hillstrom / Kelly to adjourn at 5:54p

Recorded for the Commission by Michael T. Kading, CPRP