



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – September 28, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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, Suzie Fromson, Jenna Kooker, Jack Cox (virtually), and Gerry Andrews

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

APPEARANCES

None.

MINUTES

MSC Hillstrom / Wise to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2023. All voting aye.

BILL VOUCHERS

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

MISSION ACTION REPORT

The report was distributed earlier. The following items were discussed:

Commissioner Hancock-Cooke inquired about the number of pickleball courts and how to best communicate the current status. Superintendent of Recreation Kluge indicated that he often receives inquiries about the number of pickleball courts when he is at the courts. Commissioner Ondresky shared that she has played at 3:30pm at Doty Park and has never had a problem getting a court.

Kluge shared that the Riverside Players presentation of All Shook up was very popular, and most shows sold out.

Commissioner Hillstrom asked about the summer programming offerings and staffing. Kluge indicated that he was very pleased with the offerings, and overall staffing was adequate. The department is currently reviewing and preparing for summer 2024.

BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

BUSINESS ITEM #1: Final Draft Conceptual Design Presentation – Doty / Kimberly Point Shorelines

Suzie Fromson, Jenna Kooker, and Jack Cox from Edgewater Resources introduced themselves and shared the final draft presentation for Kimberly Point and Doty Parks shorelines. Commissioners had several questions for the Edgewater representatives, such as the location, number, and size of the proposed ice breakers and installation of the terraced armored steps. As this is a conceptual plan, the answers to these questions will require additional engineering.

Concerns remain about creating a safe, cost-effective means to stabilize the shorelines while enhancing flow along the Doty Park channel and not creating future problems.

A suggestion was made to install a demo area for natural plantings and cobblestone before completely investing in this type of shoreline treatment.

Commissioners are encouraged to walk the shorelines prior to the next Commission meeting, at which the shoreline concept plans will be adopted.

Action: Discussion only

BUSINESS ITEM # 2: Resolution Authorizing the Application for WI-DNR Surface Water Grants

Director Kading reviewed the resolution and purpose of the surface water grant application.

Action: MSC Galloway / Hancock-Cooke to recommend acceptance of the Resolution Authorizing the Application for WI-DNR Surface Water Grants.

BUSINESS ITEM # 3: 2023 CIP Update

CIP was reviewed, and it was noted that we are closing in on the completion of many projects.

BUSINESS ITEM # 4: Announcements and Future Agenda Items

Conceptual Master Plan Presentation for Carpenter Preserve
Acceptance of Master for Shoreline
MOA - Douglas Park

LIAISON / AD-HOC REPORTS

SHORELINE (DOTY & KIMBERLY POINT): GALLOWAY

There is concern about the neighbor to the north of Doty Park, as we do not want to create any further problems for them.

We do not want to create an algae trap.

CARPENTER PRESERVE: WISE

Concept plan will be presented at the October 19 Commission meeting.

ARROWHEAD DEVELOPMENT: HILLSTROM

Presentation is expected October 5 and then to the task force shortly thereafter.

PLANS COMMISSION: Hancock-Cooke

Freedom Acres is a new subdivision being developed in west Neenah and likely will include parkland.

HARBOR COMMITTEE: Galloway

Monday, October 9 is the next meeting, and they will review the shoreline report.

MSC Hillstrom / Hancock-Cooke to adjourn at 6:01pm. Motion carried.

Recorded for the Commission by Michael T. Kading, CPRP