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CITY OF WAUSAU – PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: June 7, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Location: Sylvan Hill Chalet

Members Present: Tom Kilian, Lou Larson, Tom Neal, Pat Peckham (c), Sarah Watson

Others Present: Jamie Polley-Director, other interested parties

1. In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Peckham at 4:30pm.

2. Public Comment – none brought forward

3. Approval of Minutes – May 3, 2021 – **Motion** by Neal, second by Watson to approve the Park and Recreation Committee draft May 3, 2021 minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

4. Educational Items

A. Park Update - Urban Forestry/Horticulture: Clean up and removals will be ongoing for a couple weeks from recent storm damage. Tree planting will be complete in a few days (delayed from storm work). Stump removal continues in city parks from winter Ash tree removals. Flower baskets are hung (for second time due to recent cold temperatures). Expansion streets will be next when additional hanging brackets are available. Water Systems: Last few fountains and irrigation systems are in cue for seasonal operation. Polley mentioned some ongoing issues with the Kayak Fountain. Playgrounds: Several small completion items are in progress on the three playgrounds recently installed at Scholfield Park, Pleasant View Park and Forest Park. I.e. path work, timbers, and soil work/turf renovation. Polley gave details on the status of each playgrounds progress. Riverside Park Shelter: Shelter exterior is being cleaned and prepared for painting. City Hall Landscaping Project: Soil work and seeding will be completed soon. City Pools: All three city pools are filled and final maintenance work is underway for seasonal use. 400 Block: All sidewalks were sealed this week and turf over seeding/slit seeding will be completed soon. Athletic Park: Final construction and maintenance projects were recently completed for opening day. ADA Study Barrier Corrections: Staff continues on corrections for ADA guidelines. Small correction levels include small plumbing fixes, fixture and grab bar relocations in restrooms, tree path obstructions, adding ADA approved picnic tables, etc. Routine Operations/Programs: Mowing Operations; all routes/crews are fully staffed as of this week. Urban forestry program; Ash tree removal (EAB), stump grinding, tree trimming, removals. Building and structure maintenance, shelter reservations and special events, equipment maintenance and repair, restroom maintenance.

B. Riverside Park Testing Update – Soil samples were taken in May and the City is awaiting the results.

C. City Pool Opening Update – Polley said all three pools opened on June 4th and it was a successful weekend. She discussed the current pool schedules and their open and closed dates. Lifeguard classes are being held and adjustments will be made to the pool schedules as staffing is hired on and trained. At the very least Polley would like to get all of the pools opened every day except for one. If the one closed pool has to rotate between the three pools that would work as long as one is closed and the other two are open for the public. Polley discussed a dumping issue at Memorial Park's dumpster.

D. Dog Park Special Committee Update – 2 Hearts Dog Park had the official Grand Opening on Saturday, June 5th. Polley thanked the members that attended. Committee is hopeful there will be ongoing efforts from the public to keep the park clean. Polley received comments that a couple more waste dispensers may be helpful. She also mentioned that future sodding may occur if needed, she had another inquiry for a bench, and the shelter is scheduled to be delivered in October.

5. Future Agenda Items – Tuck pointing Stewart Park western performance stage wall, second dog park.

6. Next Meeting Date – Meeting was rescheduled to Monday, July 12th, 2021 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

7. Adjournment – **Motion** by Watson, second by Larson to adjourn at 5:00pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

8. Walking Tour of Sylvan Hill Bike Park, Tubing Hill – No action will be taken by Committee during the tour.