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CITY OF WAUSAU – PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: October 3, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Members Present: Dawn Herbst (c), Carol Lukens, Tom Kilian, Sarah Watson, Lou Larson
Others Present: Jamie Polley-Parks Director

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 Chair Herbst at 4:30pm.
2. Public Comment or Suggestions – None brought forward.
3. Approve Minutes – September 6, 2022 – **Motion** by Kilian, second by Lukens to approve the Park and Recreation Committee draft September 6, 2022 minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.
4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department 2023-2024 Fee Schedule – Polley explained that approval of the fees is recommended at this time to set the shelter rates for the following year. This allows the Department to allow users to reserve shelters and camping twelve months in advance. A two percent convenience fee on credit card transactions with the Department will be implemented. Other increases include three percent for shelter fees, and slight increases for Athletic Park, camping, private event add-on's, ball diamonds, sports fields and Sylvan tubing. The increases proposed are to keep in line with CPI increases and the increased departmental staffing and equipment costs. **Motion** by Watson, second by Kilian to approve the 2023 – 2024 fee schedule. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.
5. Educational Items
 - A. 2022 Pool Operations Review – Most revenues were up from 2021. Concession revenue was down and staff is looking to improve the menu. Lukens questioned if different options were looked at to keep the pools open longer at the end of summer. Polley said that a request for additional funds to do so had been denied last year by Council. The main costs are for staffing and a minor cost for the chemicals. The challenge is having trained lifeguards to staff pools. Staff looks at different options at the end of every summer, for example if funding is leftover due to pool closures for bad weather days and enough staff is willing to stay longer. Polley mentioned that anyone over the age of fifteen that can pass the requirements can be a lifeguard, even older adults. The Department offers courses for lifeguarding.
 - B. Park Updates – Memorial Benches – Four memorial benches have been installed. Sylvan Tubing - Sylvan tubing hill's bull wheel and paddles for the tow line are being serviced and is almost complete. 400 Block Improvements - 400 Block stage support repairs are underway. 400 Block ADA listening loop is installed. Riverlife Irrigation - Riverlife irrigation leak has been repaired. Water Systems - Water system winterization in progress.
 - C. Riverside Park Remediation Update – Samples were taken and the City is waiting on results. Staff is expecting them in the next week or so. Staff will then require a couple weeks to review followed by further review by the DNR. Kilian asked that Committee receive the results and numbers from the sample analysis. Polley said that request had already been relayed to the Director of Public Works, Eric Lindman, who receives the information.
6. Future Agenda Items – 2023-2027 CORP Review - Polley mentioned that an inventory of invasive species has been added to the Department's workplan possibly could fit into the CORP plan as well. Committee members were interested to see if the City Forester could take them on a tour of invasive species next spring.
7. Next Meeting Date – November 7, 2022 at 4:30pm in Council Chambers at City Hall, 407 Grant St., Wausau WI 54403
8. Adjournment – **Motion** by Larson, second by Lukens to adjourn at 5:00 pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.