

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Gunderson at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Chris Gunderson, Shani Appleby, Rick Binley and Citizen Members Frank Zabojski and Andy Rosenwinkel. Not Present: Citizen Member Tim Potratz and DeAnna Volz. Also Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Chief Brandon Leschke, Bruce Goetsch, Dewey Stelzner, Lori Gosz with McMahon, Richard Rupno, Sam Berry, Brian Doherty, Marcus Rennie and Family and Matthew Dorow with Cedar Corp.

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the Recreation Committee minutes from November 14, 2023. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

WF Youth Baseball/Softball Updates: Brian Doherty, President of the Youth Baseball/Softball Organization spoke on what needs to be done to the field in Maasch Community Park. Brian will be attending the monthly Recreation Committee meetings going forward to build a better working relationship with the City. He spoke on the projects that were completed last year which included new lighting, field work and leveling and concrete work. The dugouts need to be completed yet. Currently the group does not have financing for the new dugouts but would like to make it a priority. The score board and batting cages also need work but the score board and dugouts are a higher priority over the batting cages. To replace the control panel in the score board would be \$2,000 or a new board installed by TLC would be \$4,900. Brian will come back to the March meeting with several design options for the dugouts.

Discussion and possible action on Community Picnic in Maasch Park: Gunderson asked to discuss about having some type of a community outreach to thank the Police Department, Fire Department and Sheriff's Department. Gunderson and Appleby came up with an idea to have a picnic up at the park. Make it a potluck and have free swimming at the swim lake for the day and a baseball game. Would like to use Shelter #2 and Shelter #3. Originally wanted June 22nd but will need to check on dates and see if the shelters are available. Will bring to council for approval on Monday with a date once Gunderson verifies availability with Clerk Loehrke.

Discussion and possible action on July 3rd Community Fireworks Quote: Proposing same program as last year at \$7,000 with some additional programming at a 50% discount. Also no cost to the City they will have music at the fairgrounds a few hours before. *Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the \$7,000 quote for fireworks on July 3rd. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and possible action on winter light show at Maasch Community Park for December 2024: Stelzner talked about being in the early stages of planning a light show in Maasch Community Park versus on Parker Street. The area used on Parker which is his house and the neighbors house is maxed out. The event is growing each year and he wants to keep it going.

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The lights on Ann Street will not happen next year. He likes the idea of the park because people can see it from the highway. Will need to work on the logistics of traffic flow and parking for people that want to walk the park. Another area brought up could be the fairgrounds. That would be a better secure location. Electricity options up at the park will need to be looked into. Stelzner will work on some more formal plans and bring back to committee.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Mayor thanked Andy Rosenwinkel and Chief Leschke for their work on trying to get the ice rink going this year. Weather didn't cooperate as hoped for but have some ideas to make it work better next year.

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to adjourn at 6:25 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to Council:

1. Discussion and possible action on Community Picnic in Maasch Park.
2. Recommend to approve the \$7,000 quote for fireworks on July 3rd.

Trina Herbst-Gutche
City Treasurer