

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA  
RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS  
APRIL 9, 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 Zabo, DeAnna Volz, Andy Rosenwinkel and Tim Potratz. Also Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Administrator Marcus Rennie, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Bruce Goetsch, Dewey Stelzner, Meta Berg, Cam Looker, Pat Gorchals, Julia Wohlt, Richard Rupno, Trisha Doherty, and Carson Faulkner.

*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the Recreation Committee minutes from March 12, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Citizen Appearances:** None

**WF Youth Baseball/Softball Updates:** Trisha Doherty, Treasurer, gave an update on what's happening at the ballfield. The score board had been ordered and received by the manufacturer. TLC should be installing it mid to late May. The batting cage was damaged in the last snowstorm. A large tree branch fell on it. Administrator Rennie will see if it is covered by the City's Insurance. First games start on May 16<sup>th</sup> with practices starting now. Concerned about the gap between the new concrete and the fence. Public Works will be working on it to get filled in. Will either do sand or rock with plastic so not to wash away. Bleachers need to be put back. They will be placed along the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line. A memorial bench will be put behind home plate in memory of Jim Billington. Brian Doherty will be checking with a fence company for the dugouts. He could check with the company that is doing the new fencing around the fairgrounds. Brian Doherty will also be doing work around the concession stand and 3<sup>rd</sup> base line to make it more level and put some grass seed down. Trisha talked about getting the doors for the concession stand and scoreboard rekeyed. They will have a new system with color coded keys and sign out of keys at the beginning of season.

**Swim Lake Updates:** Tim Potratz reported that he currently has 10 guards returning. Will need to hire 3-4 more lifeguards to help cover. The school district is getting ready to send out summer school registration. Looking to open the swim lake on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> with lessons for Session 1 starting on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Discussion and possible action on aerator for Swim Lake:** Administrator Rennie brought forward a water fountain he found on Amazon that he figures would work and not cost a lot. The current cost is \$750 and can have lights added for an additional cost. If the fountain runs at night can have the lights on it to get the attention of more of the public. Will need to figure out how to run the electrical cord to either the pump house or pool house. *Motion Gunderson, second Rosenwinkel, to move forward with the purchase of the floating water fountain from Amazon with a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

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**ARPA Funds and Budget Funds Discussion:** Mayor Luedke talked about the splash pad being removed from the ARPA funds and using that money for something in the swim lake. He passed out information on a water trampoline with a spin wheel track that he thinks would work well in the deep end of the swim lake. It has a capacity of 15 people and cost \$5,999. Also, a water activity for young children that includes a bridge. That cost is between \$11,000-\$12,000. Discussion on city purchasing life vests to have and if it would be a requirement to have on in the deep end. Administrator Renniecke will check with the City's Insurance Company to make sure this would be covered. *Motion Gunderson, second Volz, to take to council for further discussion on the water activity equipment with information from the insurance company. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

*The updates in the swim lake bathrooms will start next week.*

**Discussion and possible action on Community Bike Pump Station:** Administrator Renniecke reported on the Waupaca County Greenways Commission having bike pumps for sale at a discounted price of \$150. He believes there is only one left. This would be a nice addition to have along the bike trail and locate it in Peterson Park. *Motion Gunderson, second Zabo, to approve the purchase of the bike pump station for \$150. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Discussion and possible action on electrical work in Maasch Community Park:** Faulkner reported on the electrical pole in Maasch Park that is leaning by the basketball courts. He received a quote from Master Electric for \$3,725 to replace the pole, add LED flood lights for the basketball/pickelball courts and add a LED light on the backside of the parking lot. *Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve Master Electrical replace light pole in Maasch Park and add LED lights for the basketball court and parking lot. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Discussion and possible action on cameras in the park:** The committee reviewed quotes for two different types of camera systems. One system by PC & Cell Solutions is a 24/7 security system with 6 cameras that can have additional cameras added on and a DVR system. The second system was a cheaper version from Amazon that was motion detection only and ran off of WIFI. The Committee feels that the City and the Ball League has spent a lot of money to make upgrades in the park and a good reliable security camera system is needed to protect the investments in the park. The City would also like to have a permanent camera installed at the yard waste site. Zabo mentioned that the cameras at the library have helped tremendously. Money for the system can be used from the ARPA funds that is no longer being set aside for the splash pad. Would like to have the concession stand and ballfield area covered also. *Motion Gunderson, second Volz, to approve the quote from PC & Cell Solutions for \$4,345 with an added camera for the yard waste site. Total not to exceed \$5,000 using ARPA funds. Motion carried with all "ayes". Motion Gunderson, second Rosenwinkel, to approve Master Electric quote for installation at \$3,160. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

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**Set next meeting date/time:** The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

**Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:** None

*Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Recommendations to Council:**

1. Recommend purchasing the floating water fountain from Amazon with a cost not to exceed \$1,000.
2. Discussion and possible action on water activity equipment for swim lake with information from City's Insurance Company.
3. Recommend purchasing a bike pump station for \$150.
4. Recommend approving Master Electrical replace light pole in Maasch Park and add LED lights for the basketball court and parking lot.
5. Recommend approving the quote from PC & Cell Solutions for \$4,345 with an added camera for the yard waste site. Total not to exceed \$5,000 using ARPA funds.
6. Recommend approving Master Electric quote for installation at \$3,160 for the security cameras.

Rebecca Loehrke  
City Clerk