

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 10, 2023

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, Tim Litscher and Citizen Members Frank Zabo, Andy Rosenwinkel, and Tim Potratz. Not Present: Cameron Looker, and Citizen Member DeAnna Volz. Also Present: Mayor Jack Spierings, City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Bruce Goetsch, Corey Baehnman, Rich Luedke and Jordyn Luedke.

Motion Gunderson, second Zabo, to approve the February 13, 2023 Recreation Committee minutes. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Maasch Community Park Ball Diamond Lighting Quote – Discussion and Action: Schroeder spoke on the need to have the lighting replaced at the ball diamond. It has been put on the backburner for years. The current lights are old and it is getting very difficult to find replacement bulbs. Seven light bulbs had to be replaced that year. Committee went over quotes from Powermation and TLC to upgrade to LED Lights. Schroeder had spoken with Bauer Electric but never received a quote from them. The City has \$32,000 set aside in the budget for lighting upgrades at the ball diamond. TLC thinks the poles need to be replaced but Powermation thinks the poles are just fine and can do just replacement of the light fixtures. Powermation supplied an energy comparison for the LED bulbs showing that the cost can be recouped in four years. Corey Baehnman with the WF Youth Ball League gave an overview of the condition that the diamond is currently in and the upgrades that need to be done. The quote from Powermation for \$27,129 does not include labor. The TLC quotes were from a few years ago and ranged from \$39,900 to \$152,770 depending on the different options. Baehnman said they are looking to local electricians that can donate their time and labor to the project. They will need an electrician to take off the old lights and install the new lighting with any needed wiring. The youth organization is currently holding a fundraiser to help raise money for the projects at the ball diamond. The Powermation quote includes a five year warranty. *Motion Zabo, second Gunderson, to approve the quote from Powermation for replacement lighting at the ball diamond. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Maasch Community Park Ball Diamond Field Leveling Quote – Discussion and Action: Baehnman spoke about the ball diamond field and how uneven the field is. It is definitely a safety hazard when there are areas that drop off in center field, pitcher mound is lower than home base, 3rd base to 1st base is not level and the backstop is too close to home plate. The City has \$25,000 budgeted which the youth organization would make up the difference. They currently have \$14,000 to commit to the whole ball diamond upgrade project. They are looking to raise around \$3,000 more. The quote provided by Faulks is around \$32,000-\$34,000. Faulks would be ready to go the first week in May. Baehnman noted that next year the plan is to upgrade the dugouts with a concrete border to help deviate the water to flow away from the field. *Motion Gunderson, second Litscher, to approve the quote from Faulks for the ball field leveling at a cost of \$32,000-\$34,000 with the City covering \$25,000 from the budget and the Youth Baseball League covering the remainder. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Maasch Community Park Ball Diamond Fence Quote – Discussion and Action: The City doesn't have funding to help with replacement of the fence. The youth organization will be doing fundraising to cover the cost. The committee authorizes the WF Youth Ball League to move forward with the project to replace the fence. Luedke mentioned that since the City is not spending all of the ARPA funds that were

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set aside for the council chambers technology upgrades that the council may be able to set aside \$5,000 to the project. *Motion Gunderson, second Zabo, to recommend to the full council to allocate \$5,000 from the ARPA funding to the Youth Baseball League fencing project. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Maasch Community Park Swim Lake Preparations Update: Schroeder reported that preparations for the swim lake are getting closer. Currently waiting to receive a few more lifeguard applications back but should be at full staff. The swim lake will start to be filled the week of May 22nd. Training and set up will take place June 5 & June 6th with the opening day of Wednesday, June 7th. Public Works will be ordering a new aerator pad. A third session of swim lessons will be offered through the summer school program. Lesson times will be from 9:15-9:45am, 10:15-10:45am and 11:15-11:45am.

2023 Trick or Treat Day & time – Discussion Only: Gunderson asked to have the trick or treat hours on the agenda for discussion. She was at a Chamber meeting where a young mother expressed her wishes to have trick or treating back to a Sunday afternoon. Gunderson told her she would discuss it at the Recreation Committee meeting and get feedback from people in the Community to see what they would prefer. It was originally changed to October 31st to avoid having so many people from out of the area come into Weyauwega. Gunderson is asking for committee members to speak with people in the community and will decide at the next Recreation Committee meeting.

City and WF School District Recreation Programming Partnership – Informational: Schroeder met recently with School District Administrator Phill Tubbs and Business Manager John Kiefer. The school reached out to Schroeder to discuss partnerships between the City and School District on recreation projects. They are looking at ways to increase recreational opportunities for everyone. The City and School already work together with offering swim lessons thru the summer school program. Are there other opportunities like possibly the school using the tennis courts and offering lessons during summer school. The school is also looking at the possibility of a Recreation Director that would work with the City. Everything is in planning stages at this time.

Administrator's Report: Nothing more at this time from Administrator Schroeder. Zabo asked if anything has changed with the upgrade to the tennis courts. Schroeder reported nothing has changed at this time due to the cost of the project.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting is set for Tuesday, May 9TH at 6 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Schroeder asked if there is anything more that the committee wants from him. Feels hesitation in the room when discussing the upcoming projects. Committee all stated that everything was good.

Motion Gunderson, second Zabo, to adjourn at 7:11 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to Council:

1. Recommend to approve the quote from Powermation for replacement lighting at the ball diamond for a cost not to exceed \$32,000 as budgeted.
2. Recommend to approve the quote from Faulks for the ball field leveling at a cost of \$32,000-\$34,000 with the City covering \$25,000 from the budget and the Youth Baseball League covering the remainder.

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3. Recommend the full council allocates \$5,000 from the ARPA funding to the Youth Baseball League fencing project.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk