

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 12, 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, City Administrator Marcus Rennie, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Bruce Goetsch, Dewey Stelzner, Meta Berg, Brian Doherty, Richard Rupno, Clint Price, Pat Gorchals, Jana Bodoh, Sam Berry, Brad Leonhardt, Mary Jane Baheman, Chris Bennett and Carson Faulkner.

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the minutes from February 13, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

WF Youth Baseball/Softball Updates: Brian Doherty, President of the Youth Baseball/Softball Organization spoke on a few updates. He emailed the Mayor on a proposed dugout plan. The dugouts will be chain link fence so won't block the view. He would like to meet with the Administrator on some cleanup projects that need to be done before the season starts. Doherty stated the youth ball league will be purchasing a new scoreboard that will be 4x8. Cost will be just under \$5,000.

2024 Swim Lake Planning and Preparation: Tim Potratz reported that the school will be including swimming lessons in the summer school schedule. He also reported that we should only be losing 3-4 guards from last year. Will start advertising for lifeguards for the season. Will keep everything else the same as last year. Mayor Luedke talked on the discussion of adding an aerator in the shallow end of the swim lake. Will look to see what we can put in if it would be something the kids can play with or if it would need to be blocked off. Will have to hold off for this year because it will be too late if power needs to be run and the swim lake floor dug up.

Discussion on possible location for dog park: The Mayor and Administrator talked about a proposed dog park down by the kayak launch. There is plenty of land that can be used. The area will be fenced in and will have an area for large dogs and small dogs. Can look into using key cards for residents that would get them when they license their dogs. People outside of the city would have to scan a QR code. Administrator and Mayor will continue to work on proposal.

Maintenance work to boat launches: Public Works will be working to replace a few boards on the boat docks. May also look at putting some type of protective coating on the wood.

Discussion and possible action on quote for resurfacing of tennis courts and basketball courts at Maasch Community Park: Mayor Luedke went over the information presented in the meeting packets for the resurfacing of the courts at Maasch Community Park. At this time the

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court by the library will have to wait because it cannot be resurfaced. It will have to be a total reconstruction. *Motion Gunderson, second Rosenwinkel, to approve using \$30,000 from ARPA Funds to resurface the tennis and basketball courts at Maasch Community Park. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Car Show and Horse & Buggy Days Discussion: Administrator Rennie spoke on meetings he had with the organizers of the Car Show. They had wanted to move it to Maasch Community Park but Rennie was able to get them to keep it in the downtown area with also closing E. Alfred Street down behind City Hall. Administrator Rennie would like to see Horse & Buggy Days rebranded. He would like to keep the history but it needs to be more advertised. He will be working with the Chamber on ideas to make it bigger and better.

Discussion and possible action on signage for Silo: Brad Leonhardt with the Weyauwega Historical Society spoke on the sign for the grain silo that they have been trying to get updated since last year. The Historical Society would like to proceed with the example that was provided last year. It would be a 4x8 sign with the meaning of the artwork on the grain silo and placed on the north west side of the silo. Cost would be about \$1,000. *Motion Gunderson, second Binley, to allow the Historical Society to move forward with the sign at the silo at a cost of \$1,000. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Mary Jane Baehman spoke on the Greater Waupaca Bike Trail system that is being established called the Waupa-Wega Trail. Clint Price asked why more bids on the ballfield were not received.

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

Recommendations to Council:

1. Recommend approving \$30,000 from ARPA Funds to resurface the tennis and basketball courts at Maasch Community Park.
2. Recommend to allow the Historical Society to move forward with the sign at the silo at a cost of \$1,000.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk