

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 13, 2021

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Dewey Stelzner at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 5:16 pm. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Dewey Stelzner, Shani Appleby and Citizen Member's Frank Zabojski and Andy Rosenwinkel. Also Present: Mayor Jack Spierings, City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Robert and Tracy Wisner, Sharon Bolles and Mary Jane Baehman. Not Present: Jered Wilson, DeAnn Volz and Tim Potratz.

Motion Stelzner, second Appleby, to approve the minutes from March 9, 2021. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Community Park Sign Update – Robert Wisner: Wisner presented two more options on the park sign from TLC. Sharon Bolles from TLC spoke about the sign material which is very tough and can last 50 or more years. It is very durable to sun fading and has a good warranty that she can look into more. Bolles also mentioned that TLC can be on site to assist Wisner with guidance on the sign installation. A ballpark figure with the sign from TLC would be approximately \$6,000. The committee will continue to review the different choices.

Canoe/Kayak Launch and Trail Update: The Mayor and Administrator met on site with the Waupaca County Highway Department and McMahon to review the trail site. The trail was redrawn for better ADA compliance and will be restaked. Was notified today that a Wisconsin Waterways grant was awarded to the City for \$25,593. McMahon is also looking to see if DNR approval would be needed. It would only be for the ADA trail. The launch itself does not need a permit. The launch will be installed by Memorial Day weekend and hoping to have the trail done at that time also. Public Works had done a lot of work cleaning up the area of the new park. Schroeder has applied for a Greenways Commission grant and AARP grant. Waiting to hear back. McMahon mentioned that they would like to make a donation towards the project. Would like to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to honor all of the donors on the project and also to install signage that will recognize all of the donors.

2021 Swim Lake Fees, Schedule and Staffing: Schroeder met with Tim Potratz and John Ohlson, the Elementary School Principal on offering swimming lessons through the summer school program. They are working on the logistics yet but session 1 of lessons should match up to offer during summer school. All students that sign up with the school will be considered city residents to receive the resident pricing. Hoping to have everything worked out soon. The committee agreed to raise the price for the day passes and season passes. All day passes will go up by \$1.00 and the season passes by \$5.00. Will also remove the family option for a pass and only have family plus one, child and adult. This will condense the choice options for families and make it easier during registration time at the swim lake. *Motion Zabojski, second Appleby, to drop the family pass option and just offer family plus one, child and adult season passes with an increase of \$5.00 to all of the passes for both residents and non-residents. Also increase each daily pass by \$1.00 for both residents and non-residents. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Cancellation Policy for 2021 Shelter Rentals: The committee discussed the cancellation policy that was put into place before COVID hit. There would be no refunds if someone cancelled a shelter less than two weeks before the rental date. Last year the City allowed cancellation refunds at any time because of COVID. City staff had asked the committee for a recommendation on what to follow this year since there is still a concern for an increase in COVID cases before a majority of people are vaccinated. The

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committee would like to follow the policy that was put in place last year because of COVID. *Motion Stelzner, second Rosenwinkel, to continue with refunds at any time for shelter rentals during 2021. Motion carried with three "ayes" and one "nay".*

Administrator's Report: Schroeder reported that Justin Zielke in Public Works is now a Certified Playground Equipment inspector. Zielke has found that the swing set behind shelter #2 has become unsafe to use. The support poles have become loose. With the new equipment being installed next year the committee feels the swing set should just be removed. Public Works will tape off the swing set for now till it can be removed properly. Schroeder, Zielke and Public Works Supervisor Young walked thru the whole Community Park looking at ways to improve it that wouldn't cost a lot. Schroeder also reached out to the youth sports groups for ideas from them. Some of the ideas brought up so far is to add extra screenings by the ballfield bleachers, pour a concrete slab in the turnaround by shelter #3 and install a picnic table. Zielke has already done work on the old tennis/basketball court by shelter #1. The wall was removed, new nets for the basketball hoop and tennis court have been ordered, look at updating the lighting and will be painting new lines on the court.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be set at the Council Re-Organizational Meeting held April 20th.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Stelzner thanked the Mayor for having him serve on the committee and would like to continue if available. Zabojski passed out some information on examples of fitness equipment for the older generation. Would be nice to install some equipment at one of the parks. Schroeder said that could be a nice addition to the new park by the canoe/kayak launch. Can look into it with some of the funding that comes in for that area.

Motion Zabojski, second Rosenwinkel, to adjourn at 5:47 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendation to Council:

1. Recommend to drop the family pass option and just offer family plus one, child and adult season passes with an increase of \$5.00 to all of the passes for both residents and non-residents. Also increase each daily pass by \$1.00 for both residents and non-residents.
2. Recommend to continue with refunds at any time for shelter rentals during 2021.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk