

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 10, 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, Austin Baehnman and Citizen Members Andy Rosenwinkel, Frank Zaborj, DeAnna Volz and Tim Potratz. Not Present: Cameron Looker. Also Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Meta Berg, Shani Appleby, Pat Gorchals, Brian Doherty, Dewey Stelzner, Carson Faulkner, Lori Gosz, Andy Schmidt and Mary Jane Baehman.

Motion Gunderson, second Rosenwinkel, to approve the Recreation Committee minutes from August 14, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

WF Youth Baseball/Softball Updates – Brian Doherty: Doherty has spoken with Mi T Fence. No set time on the new batting cage yet but probably late October or early November. Mi T Fence will be coordinating it with putting the dog park fence in at the same time. Doherty will be doing a site visit with the representative from Mi T Fence and will also have Faulkner attend. Need to decide what to do with the roll of Astroturf. Maybe see if the school could use it if the ball league or the City doesn't need it. The old batting cage has been removed and the drag has been moved out. Doherty asked for a refreshed quote from Mi T Fence and a better drawing of the dugouts. Quote came in around \$9,000. Wondering if the City would be able to pay half towards the batting cages. They would be installed in spring of 2025. Money is in the budget for park projects so should be able to pay towards the cost of the dugouts.

Discussion on installing concrete around the concession stand area to stop washouts: Faulkner brought up the issue with the lime getting washed out every time it rains. It would be nice to concrete the area. Faulkner will work with Doherty on options and bring back to the committee.

End of Year Swim Lake Report – Tim Potratz: Potratz reported on the overall numbers for the summer. Had a total of 5,097 people visit the swim lake for 2024. 16 days had over 100 people. Highest average number of people per day each month. Season passes were up but swim lessons were down due to more signing up for lessons with summer school. Did not have one single save this summer. First time in the history of Potratz running the swim lake. The inflatables and life jackets were a real positive addition. Was worried about kids damaging the inflatable but no vandalism took place. Received lots of positive comments around the pool and park this year.

Discussion and possible action on Christmas Event at the Park – Dewey Stelzner: Stelzner talked about moving some of the light display on Parker Street to Peterson Park. They will still have lights on Parker Street but would like to add another location around the City. He would like to try Peterson Park area and the bridge for this year and see how it goes. Wondering if there are electrical outlets in the park. Public Works doesn't believe there is but will look into it.

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Last time a light display was in the park Faulkner thought they used a generator. Stelzner asked if the City would help with the cost of some of the lights needed. Stelzner should reach out to the chamber about using some of the lights in the city hall basement. *Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to allow Dewey Stelzner to install Christmas Lights in Peterson Park and the bridge area. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and possible action on 2024 Trick or Treat Day & Time: Have received some requests to go back to the Sunday before Halloween for Trick or Treating. It's hard for families with school activities to go out during the week. Going back to Sunday would make it more of a family event and bring people into the City. *Motion Gunderson, second Volz, to hold Trick or Treating on the Sunday before Halloween (October 27th) from 3-6 pm moving forward. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and possible action on Historical Society planting a tree by the Little Red School House: Baehman spoke on planting an oak tree near the Little Red School House. A Historical Society member has a tree to donate. It would be in the area where a tree was taken down but back enough from the road so it won't interfere with snow removal. *Motion Gunderson, second Rosenwinkel, to allow the Historical Society to plant an oak tree by the Little Red School House. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and possible action on old BBQ grills by shelter #1 and #3 in Maasch Park: Faulkner reported that the grills by shelter #1 and #3 are in need of major repair or should be removed. They were originally donated by members of the Legion Club and Lion's Club. Both organizations should be asked if they want them repaired and if they will contribute to the repair work. Chief Leschke will ask Jim Baehnman for the Legion and Faulkner will check with Dan Knecht for the Lion's Club.

Set next meeting date/time: The next Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8th starting at 6:00 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Gunderson, second Volz, to adjourn at 6:36 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to Council:

1. Recommend to allow Dewey Stelzner to install Christmas Lights in Peterson Park and the bridge area.
2. Recommend to hold Trick or Treating on the Sunday before Halloween (October 27th) from 3-6pm.
3. Recommend to allow the Historical Society to plant an Oak tree by the Little Red School House.

Rebecca Loehrke - City Clerk