

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 11, 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 and DeAnna Volz. Not Present: Cameron Looker, Frank Zabojsky and Tim Potratz. Also Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Administrator Marcus Rennie, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Meta Berg, Shani Appleby, Pat Gorchals, and Carson Faulkner.

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

Citizen Appearances: None

Swim Lake Updates: Administrator Rennie reported that the first week of the swim lake being open had some learning curves with the new inflatables. Lifeguards have said that the kids really enjoy them. Had to move one of the units into the shallow end due to kids getting stuck when wearing life jackets. The inflatables due move because of the wind and the guards need to put them back in place. Overall pretty happy with the units. The guards are now doing swim tests and giving out wrist bands to the kids. Lights on the fountain keep breaking circuit breakers. May need to call an electrician. Also, there may be a leak in the swim lake liner which is why the water level is always low. Will need to look into it more when summer is over.

Ball Park Updates: Rennie stated that the replacement of batting cages would not change our insurance if we move forward with the insurance claim. Will send in the highest quote we have received to replace the batting cages and see what they will pay out. Berg asked to get another recycling container by the concession stand. Need one for cardboard and plastics. Carson Faulkner will get one over there. Question was brought up on parking by the 1st base line. The field equipment gets parked there and not a lot of room. Faulkner will also look at the parking situation. Discussion on smoking in the stands and designating a smoking area. The ball league has received complaints of people smoking by the kids. Committee would like to have signs installed around the field and stands that say "No Smoking or Vaping" in this area. Faulkner will get signs ordered to install. The Ball League have received many compliments on the bench behind home plate, inflatables in the swim lake and the field lights. Also the scoreboard has now be installed by TLC. The contractor resurfacing the basketball/tennis courts are working on the courts this week. Hope to have the new pickle ball courts done by the end of this week.

Discussion and possible action on Kayak rentals: Rennie brought the idea up of having kayak rentals to be used on the lake. He talked to a company that rents in the Oshkosh area. It is a little pricey at \$19,000 for 4 rental units. There is no liability and no maintenance for the City. The rental company covers everything. Eventually he thinks the City can rent kayaks ourselves. Gunderson commented that most people that kayak have their own to use. Also, how would

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you stop someone from taking them on the river? Appleby would like Rennie to contact Tim with Adventure Outfitters in Waupaca and see if we could partner together being a local company. Berg thought it was great idea to work on but there is other stuff to concentrate on at this time.

Discussion and possible action on potential dog park rules and procedures: Rennie went over information he found out when researching other dog parks. Discussion on if the City would charge to use the park. If a charge how to pay? Daily wristbands can be provided at an envelope pay station or pay online or at city hall. Enforcement would be more on an honor system. City can invest in an additional security camera to be added to our new system. Members commented on just putting up a fence for now with some basic rules and see how it goes. Do like the rules listed in the example provided. If the city would not charge could put up donation boxes. Hours would be dawn to dusk. Appleby is unsure if it would be a good fit for the community. Faulkner is concerned that it would be too close to the future site of the new Public Works garage which Rennie said there is plenty of room available. Still a lot of discussion to have on the rules and regulations of the dog park but the committee would like to move forward with the designation of AARP funds to be used for the creation of the dog park. Will discuss more in a few months on the rules and if charging or not. *Motion Gunderson, second Volz, to move forward with the allocation of AARP funds to establish a dog park. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Set next meeting date/time: Due to some members being gone on July 9th we will hold committee meetings on Monday, July 8, 2024 starting at 6:00 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Gunderson gave an update on the June 23rd Community Picnic. So far they have donations of pork for about 30 people, hot dogs, a nesco of Sloppy Joe's and oven roasted chicken. Premier Community Bank will be doing an activity with kids. Will have balloon twisting and glitter tattoos also. Free swimming in the swim lake and 200 ices to give away. The committee is still taking donations. They need buns and paper products. It is a pot luck so residents should be bringing food to share.

Motion Gunderson, second Volz, to adjourn at 7:05pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to Council:

1. Recommend moving forward with allocation of AARP funds to establish a dog park.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk