

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Dewey Stelzner at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 5:30 pm. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Dewey Stelzner, Shani Appleby, Jered Wilson and Citizen Member's Andrew Rosenwinkel, Frank Zabojski and Tim Potratz (arrived at 5:38). Not Present: Citizen Member DeAnna Volz. Also Present: Mayor Jack Spierings, City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, and Clerk Rebecca Loehrke.

Motion Appleby, second Zabojski, to approve the minutes from June 9, 2020. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Swim Lake Season Review: Tim Potratz reviewed the 2020 swim lake season. The season opened late and closed a few days early due to COVID-19. Had three COVID quarantines that ended up being from indirect contact. 53 season passes were purchased for this year which is down from last year but many people didn't purchase them not know what may happen with COVID. The daily average of people was up. There were 13 days of over 100 people compared to only 2 last year. Many swimmers were from out of town. Also received lots of compliments on how clean and well ran the swim lake is. There were 2 severe injuries with one person receiving a separated collarbone after slipping on wet pavement and one lifeguard that lacerated his toe and need stitches. There were 2 minor saves that lifeguards did compared to 6 last year. Overall for not knowing how the season would turn out during the COVID-19 pandemic it will well.

Community Playground Equipment Replacement Conceptual Design (Discussion Only): Schroeder presented options for playground equipment from two different companies. Lee Recreation, LLC came up with a conceptual design of what an upgraded playground would look like using similar equipment that is already there. Minnesota Wisconsin Playground provide email links to look at different information on what equipment is available. They will build to suit. Both companies will help to promote and advertise for financing projects. Lee Recreation has a quote of approximately \$97,000 which includes \$12,000 for prep and placement of wood fiber chips. Public Works thinks they would be able to do this internally and save some money. Currently we are not in compliance with any of the playground equipment when it comes to proper amount of wood chips surrounding the equipment. Public Works believes they could move the existing composite structure in the Community Park to Peterson Park. The next step would be to apply for grants with the conceptual design we have and look into fundraising options with a thermometer. Schroeder was contacted by a local couple that would like to donate to the playground equipment project. They stated that they have enjoyed the park and playground for many years with their family and would like to give back. Schroeder will continue to move forward on this project. Next month the Kayak launch will be discussed.

Discussion and possible action on completion of walking trail in Community Park: Schroeder updated the committee that the walking trail at the top of the hill will be included in the water tower project and will get completed.

Discussion and possible action on potential ice skating rink: The possibility of a potential ice skating rink in the City was brought to Stelzner's attention. The committee discussed the areas where there have been a rink in the past which have included the tennis courts and behind the old middle school.

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Stelzner would like the committee to look at possible locations around the City and bring to the next committee meeting to discuss.

Discussion and possible action on Scout request for potential project to earn Eagle Scout: Robert Wisner is looking for projects to do in the City to help him earn his Eagle Scout award. Schroeder had given him a list of potential projects that could be done and Schroeder is asking the committee if they are ok with letting him do a project that he picks out. The committee is fine with whatever project Mr. Wisner chooses to complete.

Discussion and possible action on Trick or Treating: The committee will stay with October 31st for Trick or Treating with hours from 4-7 pm. *Motion Zaboj, second Appleby, to hold Trick or Treating on October 31st from 4-7 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be held October 13th at 6:00 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Appleby, second Wilson, to adjourn at 6:07 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendation to Council:

1. Recommend to hold Trick or Treating on October 31st from 4-7 pm.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk