

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA  
RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS  
FEBRUARY 4, 2020

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Shani Appleby at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:02 pm. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Shani Appleby, Jered Wilson and Citizen Members Andrew Rosenwinkel and Frank Zabo. Not Present: Dewey Stelzner and Citizen Member Tim Potratz. Also Present: City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Bob Van Epps and Gerry Hamm.

Motion Appleby, second Wilson, to approve the minutes from December 10, 2019. Motion carried with all "ayes".

**Citizen Appearances:** None

**Gerry Hamm – Yoga Update:** Gerry gave an update to the committee on how Yoga is going at City Hall. It is being held every Thursday in the upstairs council chambers of 5:30 – 6:30 pm. She has seen a mix of ages and gender attending the weekly classes. Class size each week seems to average around 7-8 participates. In the summer may look at doing a class in the park if weather permits. Schroeder noted that the program will be reviewed again in October after having it for a year.

**Bob Van Epps – Weyauwega Lake Restoration Group Update/Black Tern Signage:** Mr. Van Epps showed a sample of an enforcement sign that the DNR will put up on the protection of the Black Tern. He is still working on the educational signs that will be displayed at all of the boat landings. The DNR is paying for the signs. He will bring samples of the educational sign to the committee once it is designed.

*Committee Member Dewey Stelzner arrived at 6:24 pm.*

**Update on Warf/Pier Project:** Schroeder updated the committee on receiving another donation from Mr. Quimby to make sure the project is complete. A down payment has been made to the pier company so that the pier can be ordered. The goal is to have it installed by Memorial Day. The Lake Group will then be looking at an additional fishing pier off of the bridge and fund raising.

**Discussion and possible action on date for Fireworks Celebration:** *Motion Zabo, second Appleby, to continue to have the City's Fireworks Celebration on July 3, 2020. Motion carried with all "ayes".* Stelzner will work on getting a quote from Spielbauer that did the show last year and have it for the next meeting.

**Discussion and possible action on date for Trick or Treating:** *Motion Appleby, second Rosenwinkel, to hold Trick or Treating on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4-7 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Discussion and possible action on top 3 potential projects for 2020:** The committee went over the list of potential projects that was put together by the Administrator and also discussed at previous meetings. White rock in the bottom of the pool for better visibility and another lifeguard stand can be done with funds coming out of the budget. Leveling of the ball field, canoe/kayak launch, moving power pole on hill in park, new lights in the ball diamond have all been discussed in the past. The leveling of the ballfield and moving the power pole are huge safety concerns. The problem with the power pole in the park is there are a lot of rocks in the area that would make burying an underground line very difficult if not impossible. Schroeder is working on getting quotes for the replacement of lights in the ball field.

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After much discussion from the committee they came up with a list of their top four recreational projects.

1. Construction of a new canoe/kayak launch in the new designated park area off of Old Mill Street.
2. Parks Playground Equipment Upgrade for code compliance
3. Ball diamond outfield leveling & perimeter drainage improvements
4. Ball diamond light replacement

Schroeder asked the committee if they would be in favor of removing the basketball hoops in the park across from the library and moving them to the fenced in area that the tennis courts are in. They could look at resurfacing the courts and have them do double duty as a tennis court/basketball court. It would also be safer for kids being in the fenced in area. The committee seemed to be in favor pending what the cost would be to resurface the court. Schroeder will continue to look into this project and see if it would be feasible to do. *Motion Zabo, second Appleby, to accept the top recreation projects as designated by the committee. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Discussion on alternative funding for top recreation projects:** Committee discussed looking for Community donations for some of the larger recreation projects that are being planned. There are residents and businesses that are willing to contribute funding for projects in the City. Schroeder has asked McMahon to also look into possible grants for recreational projects that can be applied for. The City can promote fundraising through social media and possibly use a large fundraising thermometer to measure the funds collected. *Motion Appleby, second Wilson, to allow the City Administrator to begin an advertising campaign for the top recreational projects that were selected. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Set next meeting date and time:** The next committee meeting will be held March 3, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

**Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:** Appleby thanked Schroeder for all of his hard work he has been putting in. He doesn't get thanked enough. Zabo thanked Schroeder and the Public Works Department for a great job removing snow at the library this winter.

*Motion Appleby, second Rosenwinkel, to adjourn at 7:11 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Recommendation to Council:**

1. *Recommend to have the City's Fireworks Celebration on July 3, 2020.*
2. *Recommend to hold Trick or Treating on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 4-7 pm.*
3. *Recommend to accept the top recreation projects as designated by the committee.*
4. *Recommend to allow the City Administrator to begin an advertising campaign for the top recreational projects that were selected.*

Rebecca Loehrke  
City Clerk