

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 9, 2021

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Dewey Stelzner at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 5:00 pm. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Dewey Stelzner, Shani Appleby and Citizen Member's Frank Zabo and DeAnna Volz. Also Present: Mayor Jack Spierings, City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Robert and Tim Wisner, Bob Van Epps, Mary Jane Baehman and Zander Rohloff. Not Present: Jered Wilson, Andy Rosenwinkel and Tim Potratz. Rosenwinkel arrived at 5:24 pm.

Motion Zabo, second Appleby, to approve the minutes from January 12, 2021. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Update on Weyauwega Lake and Black Tern Signage – Bob Van Epps: Mr. Van Epps showed the committee what will be installed for signage at the boat ramps for the Black Tern and then also smaller signs near the nesting areas. He hopes to have them out soon. He also talked about the possibility of working with the City on installing a bird watching platform. The Lake Group along with the High School Fishing Club hosted a youth ice fishing tournament on the lake this winter that was well attended. He also reported that he belongs to a group that is trying to establish an off road trail between Waupaca and Weyauwega.

Chain Skiers Update: Schroeder reported that he meet with Dan Osman of the Chain Skiers and Mr. Van Epps. This could potentially be a big thing to bring to the community. They are waiting for the ice to go out on the lake and then will be looking closer are different areas.

Weyauwega Community Park Renaming Request: Mayor Spierings reported on an email he received from Rob Maasch, the son of Dr. Lloyd Maasch who was instrumental in creating the Weyauwega Community Park. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the park and he would very much like to see the park renamed to the Maasch Community Park. He has a copy of the speech Dr. Maasch read at the dedication on June 18, 1972 and he would like to read it at a re-dedication ceremony if the City would be interested in holding one. June 18, 2022 will be on a Saturday and everyone agreed this would be a great time to hold a ceremony in the park with the re-naming. *Motion Zabo, second Volz, to rename Weyauwega Community Park to Maasch Community Park. Motion carried with all "ayes".* The committee will work on ideas for having a ceremony next year and discuss it at a future meeting.

Update on Sign Design – Robert Wisner: Wisner presented a few sign ideas he received from Appleton Signs based on different colors and materials. He also talked to TLC but they were more expensive. Wisner would like to see a type of material that will last a long time. The sign project will need to be completed before Robert turns 18 in January of 2023 for the submission of his Eagle Scout project. He will work on fundraising some funds for the project and the City can budget for it into 2022. The committee would like Wisner to come up with a budget and cost breakdown of everything for the project and bring it to the next meeting for more discussion.

Canoe/Kayak Launch Update: The Mayor and Schroeder met with a representative from Schmidt Boat Docks and Lift and finalized the location of the launch. When the snow is all gone they will also meet with Waupaca County to discuss the trail that will be installed down to the launch. Schroeder has a 4x4

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sign coming from Officer Outfitters with a thermometer on it to show the project and fundraising needs. Two grants have been submitted for a total of \$51,000 if approved. Just waiting to hear back on them. Stelzner asked about installing a secured donation box down by the sign. Could get some donations from kayakers using the area. Schroeder also reported that the Kaminske family has given the City the first option to purchase the park land and red barn. They are asking for \$24,000-\$25,000 which is the amount the family originally purchased it for. Schroeder will have to check into funding for the purchase. Schroeder also noted that Public Works did some cleaning of brush and overgrowth areas along the area where the launch will be put in.

Playground Equipment Vendor Proposals on Fundraising Campaign: Four proposals were submitted from each of the prior companies that the City received equipment pricing from. All of the proposals were very similar. Lee Recreation did present signage to promote sponsorship after the project is complete. There are many grants that are available to apply for. The fundraising would take place in 2021 with installation of equipment during summer of 2022. Lee Recreation is the company the City has worked with in the past to fix some damaged equipment and were very good to work with. *Motion Zaborj, second Rosenwinkel, to go with Lee Recreation Company for playground equipment upgrade and fundraising campaign project at Community Park. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

2021 Swim Lake Schedule, Staffing and Fees: Information was presented in the packet on the fees the City charged last year for swimming lessons and day passes and also what New London, Iola and Waupaca charge at their facilities. It was brought up that the school may like to add swimming lessons as part of their summer school program. Schroeder will have to work with the school and Tim Potratz to find out all of the logistics of having lessons be a part of summer school. Would also like to have the committee look at simplifying the different pay levels for lessons with being a resident or no resident and then also season pass option or no pass option. It gets a little confusing for the guards at registration time. Committee members are to look over the information presented and bring ideas to the next meeting for further discussion and action. Staffing at this time looks ok. Will have some new guards to get trained and many returning from last year.

Administrator's Report: Nothing more to report.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be held April 13th at 5:15 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Mary Jane Baehman asked to speak to the committee on a few things the Historical Society is working on. The brick walk way is going very well. The plan is to start installing them late this spring. They will be doing a dedication ceremony the first weekend the Little Red School House is open. She also spoke on the need for the silo to be repainted. Its been 15 years since it was done and it is fading a lot. The same gentleman that did it would be willing to repaint over it but the price is quite significant. The initial cost 15 years ago was \$42,000 and he gave an estimate of \$35,000 this time. Baehman would like to know if this is something the City would want to invest into any longer or just let it go. Baehman can look into getting estimates from other painters that might be interested in doing the project. Will table this subject to another meeting.

Motion Volz, second Appleby, to adjourn at 6:00 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

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Recommendation to Council:

1. Recommend to approve renaming Weyauwega Community Park to Maasch Community Park.
2. Recommend to go with Lee Recreation Company for playground equipment upgrade and fundraising campaign project at Community Park.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk