

DRAFT MINUTES
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION
BOARD
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board for the City of Monona was called to order by Chair Doug Wood at 6:32 pm.

Present: Chair Doug Wood, Co-Chair Molly Grupe, Thom Evans, Rachel Groman, Tony Gomez-Phillips, Jeff Hinz, Pat Howell, Kelly Slack, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson, Recreation Supervisor Missy Miller

Absent: Jennifer Kahl

Minutes: **Pat Howell made a motion seconded by Thom Evans to approve the minutes from February 25, 2021. Motion Carried.**

Appearances:

A. **Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director**

Director Anderson gave a brief presentation of the process of the request to install a mountain bike trail at Maywood Park.

Unfinished Business:

A. **Mountain Bike Park Discussion/Recommendation – Maywood Park**

Recreation Supervisor Missy Miller introduced Jack Oliver, Miles Peterson, Bennett Chapa who presented the proposal for the Mountain Biking Trail at Maywood Park. The board was appreciative of the public feedback regarding this project and also the dedicated work of the young Monona residents in providing the proposal and also working on adjustments to the project based on feedback from neighbors. The consensus of the committee that this would be a great addition to the park system for our residents and visitors.

Molly Grupe made a motion seconded by Pat Howell to recommend approval of the Mountain Bike Trail at Maywood Park for a pilot program for three years. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

A. **Discussion/Recommendation for Special Event Request – Solar Plunge Special Olympics**

Alyse Peters Director of Special Events for Special Olympics Wisconsin appeared to present a Special Event Application for a 5K Run starting and ending at Schluter Park on Saturday June 19, 2021. Ms. Peters discussed the proposed event and answered questions from the Committee regarding Covid-19 precautions, community use of the park during and after the event

Tony Gomez-Phillips made a motion seconded by Kelly Slack to approve the Special Event Request with notification of all residents affected by event and securing appropriate permits. Motion carried unanimously.

B. **Discussion/Recommendation for Commercial Use of Park Space Ordinance**

Director Anderson presented an ordinance change to allow for permitted use of open park space for commercial uses with restrictions as indicated in the proposal. The Board was supportive and in agreement with the ordinance change.

Pat Howell made a motion seconded by Tony Gomez-Phillips to recommend the policy/ordinance change for Commercial Use of Park Space. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion/Recommendation for Award of Contract – Woodland Park Project

Director Anderson presented the bids for Woodland Park and recommended the apparent low bidder of Blaze Landscaping noted the contractor had previously worked for the City as part of the Wyldhaven Park Project.

Molly Grupe made a motion seconded by Tony Gomez-Phillips to recommend approval of the contract with Blaze Landscaping. Motion carried unanimously

D. Discussion/Recommendation for Resolution supporting Grant Application for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Acquisition Grant – San Damiano Property

Director Anderson presented a resolution that is part of the requirement of a grant application for acquisition costs for the purchase of San Damiano property. The board was supportive of this resolution.

Pat Howell made a motion seconded by Jeff Hinz to recommend approval of the resolution supporting the grant application for San Damiano property. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report & Questions to Staff from Committee

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director

Anderson provided a verbal report of department activities including:

- Council Agenda items including Madison B-Cycle Station Proposal, Stone Bridge Park Project,
- Update on Monona Bank RiverRink end of season hours
- Transition of Learning Lab Program to After-School program
- MG School District use of city park facilities for High School Sports

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn by Jeff Hinz seconded by Tony Gomez-Phillips was carried at 9:01 pm.