

MINUTES
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
City Hall Conference Room
Tuesday March 14, 2023

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

Roll Call

Present: Chair Alder Doug Wood, Co-Chair Patrick DePula, Rachel Groman, Jeff Hinz, Pat Howell, Thom Evans, Tony Gomez-Phillips, Kelly Slack, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson

Absent: Jennifer Kahl

Approval of the Minutes

Jeff Hinz made a motion seconded by Thom Evans to approve the November, December 2022 minutes along with the January 10th minutes. Motion Carried.

Appearances

A. None

Unfinished Business

A. None

New Business

A. Maywood Park Master Plan Discussion

Director Anderson presented information in the packet regarding 2023 Capital Budget project with a master plan for Maywood Park as part of a large storm water project scheduled for construction in 2025. Blake Theisen from Parkitecture was in attendance and took feedback from the committee to develop (3) concept plans to get public input from. Due to the size and scope of the storm water project, the committee had the following ideas:

- a. A connecting path from the Park to Nichols Rd along with a looped walking path through the park
- b. Show conceptually the ability to replant a large number of trees in anticipation of a larger number of trees having to be removed for the storm water project
- c. Keep existing park amenities (basketball court, playground, sandbox, and mountain bike path
- d. Option for all season restroom to accommodate winter activities (sledding, snowshoeing, potential land ice rink)

The feedback to Mr. Theisen was to provide 3 different concept plans, one with an open pond storm water system with a minimal path system, one with an underground storm water system with more active based recreation options, and one with an underground storm water system with less programmed activities in the park.

No action was taken at this meeting, but direction was given to Parkitecture and it's expected concept plans will be on the May agenda for discussion

B. Discussion/Recommendation of Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Times

Director Anderson presented a request to change the monthly meetings times of Park & Recreation Board to daytime hours citing technology improvements with Zoom to allow for consultants/committee members, general public to participate in a hybrid model, allow for staff and committee members to not have to juggle

child care/extra-curricular activities during night meetings, and precedent with other committees meeting during the day. The committee reviewed the proposed meeting times and members were comfortable and able to meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month with meetings starting at 3:00 pm and ending at 4:30 pm. If there are larger public input meetings necessary, those meetings can be scheduled in the evening.

Patrick DePula made a motion seconded by Thom Evans to approve change in meeting days/times to 2nd Wednesday of each month from 3:00-4:30 pm. Motion Carried.

C. Beer Sales in Parks 2023

Director Anderson presented the schedule of special events in which Parks & Recreation Staff would be selling beer and noted changes from last year. The committee was supportive of the schedule and discussed the type of events and the profitability of the Biergartens.

Rachel Groman made a motion seconded by Patrick DePula to recommend approval of Beer Sales in Parks for 2023. Motion Carried.

Director's Report & Questions to Staff from Committee

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director.

Director Anderson included the anticipated list of park projects for 2023 and a year end report for the Monona Bank RiverRink

Updates/Discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Efforts

None

Friends of San Damiano/Steering Committee Reports

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Patrick DePula seconded by Tony Gomez-Phillips was carried at 8:15 pm.