



**Parks and Recreation Board Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 9, 2021 – 5:30 pm**  
In person

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Jan Bilgan, Larry Kachel, Carol McCormick, Steve Ryan, Megan Matthews, and Matthew Sylvester-Knudtson. Absent: Mike Kilar, Jen Kaina, Jaime Weigel, and Traci Wilson  
Staff: Eric Boettcher, Michelle Dujardin and Lorelei Bowen  
Guests:

Appointment of members to Board and Commissions- postponed until July 2021 meeting

**Approval of May Park Board Minutes**

Motion made by Ryan to approve May 19th, 2021 Park Board Minutes, Seconded by Kachel. Ayes: Jan Bilgan Larry Kachel, Carol McCormick, Steve Ryan, Megan Matthews, and Matthew Sylvester-Knudtson. Abstain: None. Noes: None. Absent: Jan Bilgan, Jen Kaina, Jaime Weigel, and Traci Wilson

**Hearing of Citizen Comments:** None

**Staff Reports**

Parks and Recreation Director

Directors report: Boettcher

Lake Drawdown – Refer to packet and images. Tripp lake continues to dry out. syphons will be used or turned back on until the fall. This is to allow for wildlife to go back into hibernation. We have confirmation and approval of the dredging sits. Work will be done Jan-March. Prior mowing will be done through out the summer along with **herbicide applications** a controlled burn will take place in Nov/Dec and again in April/Mar lake refill will take place in June 2022.

Kachel- what animals are affected?

Boettcher- turtles and fish

Citizen question- (referring to map packet) why is Carrvath Lake marked for more dredging than Tripp?

Boettcher- We are focusing on the frontage close to the parks

Program staff reports:

Boettcher- Regarding programing part time staff. We are experiencing a staff shortage for various positions including umpires.

Sylvester-Knudtson- any luck with the UWW?

Boettcher- Yes, Bilgan has reached out to Greek life as well

Kachel- Independent contracting options

Seniors in the park coordinator: Weberpal

June 18<sup>th</sup> State accreditation, July 23<sup>rd</sup> appreciation day, August 22<sup>nd</sup> Celebration of seniors in the park anniversary, August 26<sup>th</sup> open house.

Recreation and Community Events Programmer: Dujardin

After school program had a successful end of school year celebration. Next school year registration opens up on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Summer camp starts June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Summer camp will be teaming up with the WAFC for swim and activities.

Story Book Walk Tripp Lake Park will receive the next storybook walk June 13<sup>th</sup> – June 21<sup>st</sup>. The book will be in Spanish

Whitewater Aquatic & Fitness Center: Bowen

Lap Swim- The Lap Swim is going fantastic with sign up filling up quickly when released.

Group Bookings: An increase in group bookings are taking place with great interest growing.

June Classes: Fitness Classes for the Month of June will be held in person and virtually. Water Aerobics classes will be added to the pool schedule as well.

7. Discussion Items

7.a. City newsletter policies

Boettcher - The Monday Musings included an article from the Wisconsin Disabilities Voting Co on voting rights. The article was cut and paste into the Newsletter and sourcing was not included. Moving forward a disclaimer will be included in city newsletters. Please see memo for additional information.

8. Considerations

8.a. Alcohol Beverages In Cravath Lakefront Park

Allows for alcohol to be brought into amphitheater from farmers market on Tuesday nights. Please see memo for additional information and packet for maps.

Discussion:

Ryan- is this sale only? Boettcher- no, includes carry ins as well

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Kachel-motion to approve, Second- Matthews

Ayes: Jan Bilgen Larry Kachel, Carol McCormick, Steve Ryan, Megan Matthews, and Matthew Sylvester-Knudtson, Jaime Weigel. Abstain: None. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, Mike Kilar, Traci Wilson

8 b. WAFC agreements

Please review documents in packet

Discussion:

Ryan- Please check dates and swim lesson agreement

Sylvester-Knudtson document had a minor date error and will be changed. Article 9 property insurance is blank

Boettcher- City of Whitewater cover the liability of WAFC programs, school district is responsible for the structure. Strike the sentence on page 10.

Kachel- Why was the school district assigned ownership of building

Ryan- Because it is attached to the high school.

Motion to approve-Sylvester-Knudtson, Second-McCormick Ayes: Jan Bilgen, Carol McCormick, Steve Ryan, Megan Matthews, and Matthew Sylvester-Knudtson, Jaime Weigel. Abstain: Larry Kachel. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, Mike Kilar, Traci Wilson

8 b. i WAFC agreements, refer to packet

Motion to approve- Weigel, Second-Matthew Ayes: Jan Bilgen, Carol McCormick, Steve Ryan, Megan Matthews, and Matthew Sylvester-Knudtson, Jaime Weigel. Abstain: Larry Kachel. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, Mike Kilar, Traci Wilson

## 9. Future agenda items

Citizen question:

Regarding 4<sup>th</sup> of July fire works- what will be done to insure safety and prevent children from getting to close to the launch pad?

Boettcher- area will be blocked off to the public.

Weigel- When will appointments for committees take place?

Boettcher- we have postponed until next board meeting

Weigel- Garbage at Starin Park, request additional trash cans. Possible dumpster rental for events?

Request mowing schedule and additional sweeping after mowing.

Boettcher-Please email request and they will be addressed

McCorrick- Turtle project for girl scouts – girl scout troops are interested in spraying turtle outlines on roads to indicate turtle crossings on Wisconsin and Whitewater st.

## Adjournment

Ryan- moved to adjourn at 6:30pm

Kachel-seconded

Ayes: Jan Bilgen Larry Kachel, Carol McCormick, Steve Ryan, Megan Matthews, and Matthew Sylvester-Knudtson, Abstain: None. Noes: None. Absent: Jen Kaina, , and Traci Wilson

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Lorelei Bowen

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