



ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Koska Room - Community House
1520 17th Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Daniel Cortte, Brian Gallagher, Travis Kadow, Erin Lamal, Robert Reed Jr., Jason Scharping, Dorothy Tinkham Delo, Adam Wachowski-Council Rep, Scott Stechmesser-Council Rep

PRESENT

Council Rep Scott Stechmesser
Robert Reed
Erin Lamal
Travis Kadow
Dorothy Tinkham Delo

ABSENT

Council Rep Adam Wachowski
Jason Scharping
Daniel Cortte
Brian Gallagher

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Travis Kadow, Seconded by Dorothy Tinkham Delo.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Reviewed the Rules for Dogs on the Beach according to the Ordinance.

End section to the right marked with a #3 - No dogs allowed on Neshotah Beach, regardless of leash, from May 1st to September 30th from 10am - 11pm. However, leashed dogs are permitted from 6am - 10am.

*Member of the public asked that we simplify things on #3 and not allow dogs at all.

Request for Family Night Support from ARB for Family Night at Washington Park for the hot dogs. Also looking for volunteers to help support activities. Contact Julie Schroeder if you can help.

4. COMMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC (Limited to 3 minutes each)

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

Zander Park – Driveway Issue large potholes needed repair. DPW patched and filled the current potholes. We also received estimates from them on repair/update of the road & parking, tennis & basketball courts, as well as south portion of parking lot. (See attached slideshow for additional info)

6. OLD BUSINESS

Riverside Park Planning Process – Had a virtual meeting with from Blake from Parkitecture on vision for Riverside Park improvements. Review of overall vision but may need to be completed in phases depending on grants and funding.

Details include: Develop Riverfront and drop off loop. Loop will go near current parking lot. Loop will allow for drop off near ADA kayak launch and walking trails. Walking trails will be 8 to 10 foot walking paths with pattern concrete and lighting. A path of limestone will loop around pond. Additional parking added along sides of the park as well as seating. Update new bathrooms and possible shelter area. Current playground will stay in the same general area, skate park and new all wheels pump track would be relocated to higher visibility area of the park and maintain current trees. Front of the park opposite the river will remain an open green space to be used for programming. Quite a large area that could be used as a soccer, football field, etc.

Motion was made to approve the Riverside Park Plan with additional parking. Motion made by Dorothy Tinkham Delo, Seconded by Travis Kadow.

Parks and Open Space Planning - see attached Parks and Open Space Full Draft. We reviewed each page as a group.

Motion was made to approve the Parks and Open Space Full Draft. Motion made by Scott Stechmesser, Seconded by Travis Kadow.

Summer Hiring – Filled Positions - Recreation clerk, Recreation Program Assistant, Special Event Coordinator, Kids Camp Coordinator, & Concession Stand Coordinator, as well as many new and returning seasonal employees. Unfilled Position - Aquatic Coordinator.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Summer Hiring Updates - 84 Seasonal Employees on last payroll including 25 New, 30 Community Band, 30 returning seasonals for parks, cemeteries, concessions, camp counselors, lifeguards, and recreation program staffing.

Capital Project Progress - Eight completed projects including Beach alert system, Neshotah Park pathways, Washington park playground, Senior Center HVAC, etc. In-Progress projects Riverside Park Planning, Central Park irrigation, Golf Simulator, Senior Center doors, etc. Full list included on attached ARB Presentation.

Program and Event Updates -

Events - 16th year of Heart A Rama at the TR Community house, 2 Baseball/Softball tournaments, Memorial Day Parade, Concerts in the Park, Neshotah & Vietnam concessions stands open, Farmers Market started, and TRHS Community Service Day.

Programs - Many programs started: Youth Spring Track, Youth Outdoor Soccer, Kids Camp, Volleyball Clinic, Yoga, Tball, Baseball & Softball.

Senior Center - 99 average daily attendance, 371 Trust car rides, 1530 delivered meals, 126 volunteers, and 669 members served. Participated in TRHS Volunteer Day, TR Hunger Task Force food drive & distribution, Rummage Sale. Upcoming Pancake Breakfast and School Supply Drive.

Parks and Facilities Updates - New Beach Alert system was installed at Neshotah Beach. There are 3 signs along the beach as well as access online. So far mostly has been on Yellow - Medium Hazard - New Batting Cage was installed at Vietnam Ball Park and is getting lots of use so far. New playground equipment installed at Washington Park. There has been some vandalism of bathrooms at Vets (caught on camera), Neshotah, and Central Park (can now be caught on camera) bathrooms.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS

July 10th, 2024 ARB meeting canceled due to no quorum.

We will be looking to add a few board members including a high school student.

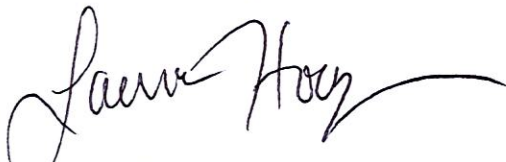
10. NEXT MEETING

August 14th, 2024

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Travis Kadow, Seconded by Council Rep Scott Stechmesser.

Respectfully Submitted,


Laura Hoyer