

# **PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES**

Monday, August 1, 2022

### **1. Call to order**

The Watertown Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission met virtually and in person on August 1, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Brian Konz. Members present were: Brian Konz, Jennifer Clayton, Brad Clark, Julie Chapman, Ald. William Licht, and Kyle Krueger. Not present was: Emily Lessner. Also present were: Laurie Hoffman, Jeff Doyle, Kyle Fowler, and Andrea Draeger.

### **2. Review and approval of July minutes**

Brian Konz motioned to approve the July 11, 2022 Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission meeting minutes as written. Brad Clark seconded. Motion carried.

### **3. Review and Approval of the April and May Financial Reports**

Brian Konz motioned to table the approval of the April and May financial reports as they were not completed by the meeting start. Ald. William Licht seconded. Motion carried.

### **4. Citizens to be heard**

Laurie Hoffman was present to voice their support for the small dog park plan.

### **5. Discussion and possible approval of Park, Recreation, and Forestry meeting date change**

Discussion occurred regarding changed the date of the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission meetings from the first Monday of each month to the third Monday of each month due to employee workload. Ald. William Licht motioned to approve the change. Emily Lessner seconded. Motion carried.

### **6. Director's Report:**

#### **a. Parks status and project updates**

The bench for Augie Tietz has been completed as well as a memorial bench at Riverside Park, which was approved by this commission in July. The Tree Planting Program continues to be live and citizens can participate until October 1. The parks crew is already beginning to prepare for Riverfest. The Riverside Restroom project plans are still being reviewing and will soon go out for bid.

#### **b. Update on Programming:**

##### **i. Recreation**

Intern Kyle Fowler spoke on mens' softball, which is ending for the summer. Youth kickball begins tomorrow through August. Youth volleyball is ending. Fall soccer will be beginning soon and this year we will have a coaches clinic to help train parents. Flag football will also be beginning soon. Kart Park has several events coming up including a balloon-themed family night, and will conclude for the season on August 18. Day Camp has experienced some staffing issues and we have had to reduce registration numbers.

##### **ii. Senior & Enrichment Programming**

Discount attraction tickets are being sold through August. Tree climbing will have another session in August. New sessions of pound, Zumba, kickboxing, and yoga will continue. Dance and ballet will be beginning again for the season in September.

National Senior Citizens day is in August and will be planning an event. All previous activities are continuing.



**iii. Aquatics Update**

Swimming lessons have completely filled this summer with the hope to offer fall sessions with newly trained instructors.

**c. Review issues and concerns of commissioners**

There were none.

**7. Adjournment – Next meeting date: September 19, 2022**

Kyle Krueger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brian Konz seconded. Motion carried.