

The Park and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bryce Remy.

Members Present: Remy, Muche, Krueel and Voy.

Members Absent: Marschke.

Motion by Remy, second by Muche, to approve minutes from June 05, 2023.

All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Public Appearances:

- Resident present for the presentation of the playground ideas.

Parks Report:

- Grass isn't growing due to the weather.
- Part-time grass mowers are helping with other projects.
- Bowling Green shelter's new roof will be installed on Tuesday, July 11th.
- Weeds were taken care of by DPW at Bowling Green Park.
- Voy commented that he would like to see wildflowers in Bowling Green Park in the rain garden area.

Aquatic Report:

- Issues with bathrooms and cleaning at the Aquatic Center.
- Chemical testing issues have occurred.
- Question was raised whether the city still provides the lifeguards with bottled water.
- Drew Buteyn was absent from the meeting and no report was available. The board would like to see the report on how many patrons we have a day and how many guards worked.

Recreation Report:

- Current activities include Youth baseball and softball games, swim lessons at HAC and the numbers are up.
- July 10-12 there is a summer sports camp.
- Future activities include youth flag football, youth volleyball, youth basketball, Horicon Hustle 5K and the possible partnership with Friends of the Marsh.
- Pickleball is still ongoing at Van Brunt, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Remy, second by Voy, to approve the Horicon School District request to use River Bend Park for Cross Country meets on August 31, 2023, and September 21, 2023.

All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Discussion on Nature Reserve on southwest portion of Whitty Park.

- Will check with the City and County who owns the property.
- Replacing the grass with wildflowers and grass would be a benefit for pollinators.
- Plants would not to be high enough to hide deer, creating a safety concern.

Presented playgrounds with quotes from KOMPAN. The Board wants more information on the osprey nest and the crane.

River Bend Park Flagpole:

- Muche wants to fund a new flagpole at River Bend Park, which would come from the Horicon Athletic Association.
- Consensus was fine with a new flagpole.
- Muche wants to see power ran to the light on the flagpole.

Motion by Remy, second by Muche, to approve the donation of two new scoreboards at River Bend Park from Josh and Jenny Muche, contingent upon Common Council approval.
All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Discussed unauthorized entrance to River Bend Park.

- It is not an approved entrance and could cause a liability to the City if it is not blocked.
- DPW did a great job blocking the trail.
- The Board would be in favor of seeing reparations for each tree cut down by Playful Goose Campground.

Discussed establishing a free pool day and would need better marketing.

Lifeguard Safety Improvements:

- Brought up some safety concerns as well as cleaning concerns.
- Will work with appropriate channels to get this resolved.

Horicon Aquatic Center Event in August:

- Remy is looking to set up another event like last year's Horicon Appreciation Day with free root beer floats at the Aquatic Center.
- Potentially working with a restaurant in Horicon this time on it.

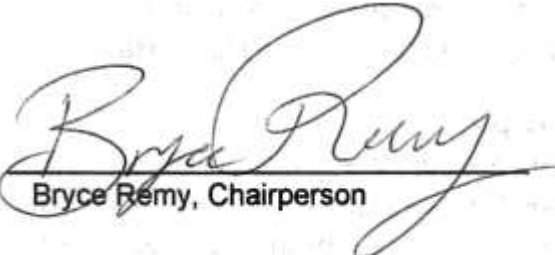
Discussed potential downtown outdoor refreshment area ordinance.

- Sturgeon Bay and Oshkosh allows alcoholic beverages within a set zone at certain times.
- Requirements would include non-glass transparent containers.
- Participants could not bring a beverage purchased from a business into a different business.
- Primarily focus on Bowling Green Park to work with the food trucks.
- Discussion brought up establishing a second zone near Kiwanis Park.
- This will be brought up with the Public Safety Committee on Tuesday before drafting an ordinance to establish.

Set the next meeting date for Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Rotary Park Pavilion.

Motion to adjourn by Remy, second by Krueel.

All voting Aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Bryce Remy, Chairperson

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