

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024
7:00 PM
BOARD ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 210 COTTONWOOD AVENUE

Present: Tim Hallquist, Shaunta' de Boer, Randy Ferrell, Nick Miller, Craig Eisenhut and Kathy Van Thiel.
Absent: Rick Conner.
Others: Sara Rennekamp, Leo Jungbluth, Tom Jenson, and Beth Wiza.

7:00 PM Call to Order

Public comments for those items not included on this agenda: (Please be advised the Park and Recreation Board will receive information from the public for a three-minute time period per person with time extensions per the Park and Recreation Chairperson's discretion. Be it further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.)

1. Discussion and consideration to approve the Dec. 5, 2023, Park, and Recreation meeting minutes –

Motion (Ferrell/Van Thiel) to approve the Park and Recreation minutes of Dec. 5, 2023. Carried (6-0).

Recreation –

2. Discussion and possible consideration Trailtessa Special Event on June 21, 2024 Ice Age Trail Alliance-

Rennekamp said the event is to engage women and girls in the outdoors and will be held at the Cottonwood wayside to serve light refreshments and then hike. They are asking for the fees to be waived as they do not make money off the event. Staff are putting a portable restroom there to encourage more shelter rentals up there this year. Additional parking will be used at Doerner. Hallquist asked about port o potties up there. Rennekamp said staff will be putting a port a potty at Cottonwood Wayside, like we put one at Penbrook. Trailtessa is a program through Ice Age Trail Alliance. Ferrell asked if there were any additional fees on our end, Rennekamp said there is labor to bring up additional picnic tables. Eisenhut likes a little more exposure for the Cottonwood Wayside. Van Thiel said she has participated before, and it is a very good event.

Motion (Eisenhut/Van Thiel) to approve the Trailtessa Special Event for the Ice Age Trail Alliance on June 21, 2024, at the Cottonwood Wayside. Carried (6-0).

3. Discussion on Recreation Program goat yoga in Nixon Park-

Rennekamp explained the WAC did goat yoga last year at Nixon Park and it was a successful event. She said she would like to hold several goat yoga events for the Recreation Dept. Van Thiel asked if they had any problem and Rennekamp said no, it was beautiful weather. She said Shelter 4 will be blocked off in case of a rain event.

Public Works Items-

4. Discussion and consideration of Annual Review of the annual Oconomowoc Rugby Club agreement.

Jungbluth said they would need to fill out the original form. The deposit in the agreement was raised from \$500 to \$1000, it is a refundable deposit so if there is no damage to the fields, they will get it back. It was stated they have previously used the field several times.

Motion (Ferrell/Eisenhut) to approve the Annual Review of the annual Oconomowoc Rugby Club agreement. Carried (6-0).

5. Discussion and consideration of Oconomowoc Rugby Club competition at the Centennial football and soccer fields on June 15th, 2024.

Beth Wiza was present and said it is an annual event, she gave some background on the club. The club started in 1980 and has grown since 2009. Ms. Wiza explained they are more than a Rugby Club, they do fundraisers, work with the Boys and Girls Club and the Christmas Parade. The men's team has about 30 members, the women's has about 30 members and they host 3 high school teams. They will be using both fields all day, they will not be selling alcohol, but some members may bring a drink for themselves after the tournament. The Club has a gentleman who is in competitive BBQ, and he supplies them with that to sell.

Motion (Ferrell/De Boer) to approve the Oconomowoc Rugby Club Competition on June 15th, 2024, at the Centennial football and soccer fields. Carried (6-0).

6. 2023 Vandalism update report.

There were 2 vandalism incidents in 2023:

- Centennial Park, 05/13/23, report #H23005311. Women's restroom spray painted. No suspects/leads.
- Nixon Park, 12/3/23, report #H23012235. Vehicle drove over freshly planted grass. No suspects/leads.

Other items for consideration-

7. Discussion and possible consideration on moving the Park and Recreation Board meeting time to 6:30pm.

Due to IATC & ECOS committees being dissolved, they will fall under the Park Board in the future. If they need anything they will let staff know to add something to the PB agenda. Due to this, the PB meetings could run longer at times. Ferrell said he would like to attend a couple of meetings before they decide. Discussion to table this item.

Motion (Ferrell/Eisenhut) to table this item to the next meeting. Carried (6-0).

8. Announcements: It is not completed that these matters will be discussed or acted upon and may include items for future consideration. The following individuals may provide announcements: Park and Recreation Board members or other Village Staff members.

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- Wall that heals is coming to Nixon Park this summer.
- DPW is starting on the Ice Rink
- Moonlight Hike is on Jan. 25, 2024.
- Recreation Dept. new pt Jill has started.
- Add Carnival to next month's agenda for discussion again.

9. Adjourn-

Motion (Ferrell/De Boer) to adjourn. Carried (6-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted By Recording Secretary,
Deidre Bushey - Deputy Clerk