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Office of Parks and Operations

PARK AND OPEN SPACE BOARD

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

6:30 PM

South Conference Room

Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Cain called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Present:

Chair Jason Cain
Alternative Alderman Jeffrey Hansher
Board Member James Lysaught
Board Member Anton Usowski
Board Member Gerald Vite
Board Member David Wolfson
Vice Chair Breanne Plier -- **Excused**
Alderman Brian Parrish -- **Excused**
Board Member Joseph Branch -- **Excused**
Board Member Peter Bratt -- **Excused**

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. June 22, 2022 Minutes

RESULT:	Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY:	Board Member Vite
SECONDED BY:	Board Member Lysaught

AYES:	Cain, Hansher, Lysaught, Usowski, Vite, Wolfson
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3) Discussion with possible approval

a. Parks Budget Strategy Discussion

Parks & Forestry Superintendent Gies stated at the June meeting a subcommittee was formed to meet and create a budget letter. The committee met after not having a quorum in July to continue to move towards a final draft of the letter. In the packet there is a draft letter from the June meeting and the newest draft the subcommittee worked on.

Discussion ensued about the newest version of the letter and possible funding from the city and multiple other sources.

A three-year plan for Lemke Park continues to be the boards top priority however, there is not enough funding for Lemke and to care for the other parks at the same time. The goal of the letter is to show there are more needs than there is funding for.

Private Organizations have been and continue to contribute to increasing the experience at the parks however, they need to see that the city is also invested in funding improvements. The city has not contributed to the current facilities. All the current facilities have been funded by private organizations. 68% of Mequon residents who were surveyed said they wanted a tax increase based on park improvements. The boards plan is to establish how much public funding there will be and then fundraise from private organizations.

Overall feedback from board members on the current draft of the letter is that it's easy to read and the goal is clear.

RESULT: **Approved as Amended [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Board Member Cain
SECONDED BY: Board Member Lysaught

AYES: Cain, Hansher, Lysaught, Usowski, Vite, Wolfson

4) Approval

a. MNP wildlife viewing platforms approval

The Mequon Nature Preserve (MNP) land is owned by the City of Mequon therefore the board needs to approve the viewing platforms that MNP will be funding.

RESULT: **Approved [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Board Member Wolfson
SECONDED BY: Board Member Vite

AYES: Cain, Hansher, Lysaught, Usowski, Vite, Wolfson

5) Work Plan

- a. 2022 Work Plan (August 24, 2022)

6) Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Board Member Vite

SECONDED BY: Board Member Lysaught

AYES: Cain, Hansher, Lysaught, Usowski, Vite, Wolfson
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Respectfully Submitted,

Ren Schlereth
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