

MINUTES
WATERLOO LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION
TUESDAY, August 10, 2021
300 Jefferson Street

The meeting was held in the Multipurpose Room at the SportsPlex. Brenda Durbahn called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

Present: Brenda Durbahn, Tom Christensen, Sharon Samec, Jadyen Spencer, Tom Powers and Bob Bamsey and Council Liaison Dave Boesen, Amy Rivers Waterloo Courier Staff joined the meeting at 7:35 Paul Huting, Chris Dolan, Mark Gallagher, Todd Derifield and JB Bolger Absent: Tim Moses, Travis Nichols

Brenda Durbahn called for approval of the agenda. Tom Powers made a motion to approve agenda. Second by Bob Bamsey Ayes: All. Nays: None

Brenda Durbahn called for motion for approval of the July 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Tom Powers made a motion to approve minutes, second by Bob Bamsey Ayes: All Nays: None

Brenda Durbahn called for approval of the bills. Questions were answered. Motion by Sharon Samec to approve the July bills, second by Bob Bamsey Ayes: All Nays: None Ayes: All Nays: None

SITE FOR INCLUSION PARK

VGM employees and RAGBRAI have donated \$15,000 for a new Inclusion Park in Waterloo. The Young Family Foundation has pledged funds to hire Ritland+Kuiper Landscape Architects to design the park.

Developer Jon Brundrett has submitted a concept site and utility plan for a residential development on the former Edison School site designating 1.38 acres as park. Leisure Services staff and park design consultants are recommending that be expanded to 2.05 acres to accommodate needed parking and amenities. The board reviewed the proposed park site drawings. Motion made by Bob Bamsey This board recommends that Council set aside 2.05 acres on the north end of the former Edison School site for a new inclusion park. Second by Tom Christensen Ayes: All Nays: None

PHASE 2 GREENBELT LAKE IMPROVEMENTS

The Black Hawk County REAP Committee voted to advance our \$200,000 REAP application for the second phase of the improvements at Green Belt Lake on Martin Road. Phase 1 of the project was recently completed with a new accessible fishing pier and parking, multiple lake fishing access points around the lake, and pollinator plantings. Phase 2 will add a new picnic pavilion, restroom, entrance kiosk and interpretive signage. We should know in November if we are awarded this grant.

UPDATE ON AQUATICS MASTER PLAN

Ballard King & Associates conducted meetings with Council and Board members July 21-23. Water Technology, Inc. performed detailed inspections of Byrnes and Gates pools. A report with recommendations is being compiled. Representatives from both firms facilitated an Open House on July 22 for public input on the Aquatics Master Plan. We are currently putting together a focus group from the Gates Park neighborhood to get more detailed input on the desired Gates Park improvements. Participation in the online survey has been strong. Results will be compiled soon.

STAFF UPDATES

Young Arena – Chris Dolan

- WBH Summer Camps ended Sunday August 8th. There was 11 days of competition with 300 participants. The majority of the campers were from out of state.
- WYHA will be investigating adding a third High School Team.
- Leisure Staff continues to work with the WBH on finalizing a new agreement.
- Contracted ice user groups will start summer ice the week of August 16th.
- The South roof replacement will begin in September.

Sports and SportsPlex – Mark Gallagher

Sports

- Pool study process ongoing
- Pool wrapping up
- Finishing up summer programming
- Planning for Fall Programming
- Mayor's Basketball League this fall

Plex

- Cardio equipment wearing out
- Fall fitness schedule set up

Forestry – Todd Derifield

Todd – Storm on July 14th caused a lot of tree damage from the old Edison School grounds to Cedar River Park to Sullivan Park to Gates Park and the associated neighborhoods. The forestry crew has been working on debris cleanup with the mowing crews and golf crews helping as well. Completion should be done today. Walnut Neighborhood Association has received a \$10,000 tree planting grant from the NE IA Community Foundation. On Sept. 24 they will be planting 95 trees with the help of local businesses, neighbors, and AmeriCorps crews. They worked with a local landscape architect to create the tree planting plan for the neighborhood.

Construction – Travis Nichols

– Crews have continued restroom cleaning, garbage routes, general park inspections, and general maintenance and repairs on Leisure buildings and park facilities. Crews also helped prepare and tear down for RAGBRAI. Projects in the works include Young Arena Roof project for Fall of 2021.

Golf and Downtown Area – JB Bolger

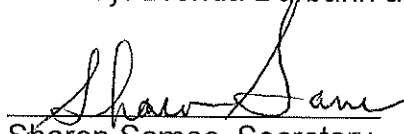
- Golf business still going well, ran out of 9 hole punch tickets as recently as last week at South Hills so more were made and taken out to the course.
- RAGBRAI went very well. Organizers and participants did a nice job of picking up the parks, no litter was left behind.
- Irish Fest went very well. The production company for the main stage sound and lights was extremely impressed with the new electrical hookups. All other electrical hookups into the new system in the park went very well.
- WMSD will be slip lining the sanitary sewer line that runs under Irv Warren Golf Course. Leisure Staff was invited to attend the pre-construction meeting for this

project and the contractor and course Superintendent have exchanged contact information and will work together to insure minimal disruption to the golf course.

- We will be over seeding drought and traffic damaged turf at multiple locations in our parks and golf courses. Grass seed is in short supply and high demand across the nation.
- We are starting the process to get irrigation control systems upgraded at South Hills and Gates Park. This work was done last year at Irv Warren and the system has worked really well throughout this very hot/dry summer.

The next regular Leisure Services Commission Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 14, 2021. The meeting will be held in person at the SportsPlex.

Brenda Durbahn asked for motion to adjourn. Motion by Sharon Samec, second by Bob Bamsey. Brenda Durbahn adjourned the meeting at 8:22am.


Sharon Samec, Secretary

09/14/2021
Signed this Date