

WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION – MINUTES
December 13, 2017

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER. Parks Commission Chair Stinnett called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 5:02 pm in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. ROLL CALL: Voting members present: Stinnett, Kegler, Quimby. Absent: Kopplin & Strobel. Ex-officio members present: Parks Coordinator Gabe Haberkorn, Public Works Director Chad Yerges & WYSO Representative Katy Powers. Absent: WRT Representative Charley Crave. Others present: WSD Superintendent Brian Henning, Deputy Clerk Mike Kawula & Diane Graff of the Courier.
2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: OCTOBER 11, 2017. MOTION: Moved by Kegler, seconded by Quimby to approve the meeting minutes as presented. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
3. CITIZEN INPUT. None.
4. REPORTS/UPDATES
 - a. Coordinator's Report. Haberkorn introduced Katy Powers as the new Ex-Officio Member of the Parks Commission and WYSO President. Also discussed was the closing of outdoor buildings that included electricity and water. Haberkorn also discussed that the Beautification Project was at \$8300. Mason Gate entrance still waiting on delivery of "WFD" steel signs to be put up by the DPW. Park Beautification Project will start with decorative stones to replace middle road section cement blocks in the spring. Waterloo Dog Park donors have been contacted and a review process is being done to see what can be done for fixes to the park. It will also be added to the Parks Beautification Project. Haberkorn talked about updates to the disc golf with the project on hold with Trek. 5-6 individuals have volunteered to help with the cement tee boxes for the course. Updates to scoreboards are ready for placement of the new receivers to be placed into them in the spring. Haberkorn then went on to discuss a \$5000 donation for sand volleyball courts in Firemen's Park and location was selected as the area where the "slider shack" now sits. A possible buyer of the "slider shack" has come forward, but no final word from that individual. Haberkorn then talked about sending out mailings to Senator Fitzgerald and Michel's Cooperation on possible donations to the Beautification Project. Haberkorn stated that a final push before the end of the year with personal delivery to each household in Waterloo of donation forms and information.
 - b. Parks Financial Report October & November. Kegler discussion on rentals & kitchen space. Noted.
 - c. 2017 Capital Projects. Noted.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.
 - a. 720 West Madison Street Phase 4, Naming Rights. Stinnett discussed a letter by Maureen Giese. Haberkorn read letter from Giese to the commission. The letter discussed the naming rights go to a historic significance of what the tradition of the land was used for and Raymond "Butch" Fox were mentioned. Quimby had thoughts on the naming rights with the sale of properties around it and the purpose for the land. Superintendent Henning spoke about a collaboration with the school district. Students would help in the community during the day and then have a Character Run. Funds raised from this project would go towards the 720 W. Madison Street park. A city-wide competition would be held along with the student body to name the location. The students would choose the top 3 names to be put forward to the Parks Commission to finalize the top name. MOTION: Tabled to meeting of May 9, 2018.
 - b. Submittals for RFP – Tree Cutting in Firemen's Park. Haberkorn discussed receiving 4 bids that were submitted for the tree cutting. Discussion about donations were first before moving ahead with project. Also mentioned was that trees to be removed are dead and in close proximity to the Historic Pavilion. Haberkorn suggested splitting the project. MOTION: Moved by Quimby for Parks Director to use best judgement on tree removal and service provider, seconded by Kegler. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried
 - c. Firemen's Park Memorial Update. MOTION: Tabled until next meeting.
6. INFORMATION.
 - a. Selling of underutilized park space for private homes. Discussion.
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING.
 - a. Next Meeting: March 14th, 2018 At 5:00 pm
8. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Adjourned by consensus. Approximate time: 6:00 pm



Gabe Haberkorn
Park Coordinator