

WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION –*Minutes*

FEBRUARY 19, 2013–JUNGINGER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 625 NORTH MONROE STREET

- 1) **Roll Call And Call To Order.** Seidl called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30. Commissioners present: Quimby, Cotting, and Springer. Absent: Schultz, Lang and Strobel. Others attending – Public Works Director Yerges and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
- 2) **Approval Of The Past Unapproved Meeting Minutes. Motion:** Moved by Springer, seconded by Quimby to table meeting minutes. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried.
- 3) **Citizen Input.** None
- 4) **Garman/Knowlton Trailhead Facility Volunteer Coordinator Update (recurring item) – Informational.**

Cotting informed the committee of a Trailhead Facility Implementation Team meeting on February 26 to discuss Phase 2 fundraising. She also mentioned Waterloo PTO's Wellness weekend is March 2, which Seidl will attend representing the Trailhead Facility and would like to invite Mark Hendrickson, Marshall Park & Recreation Director to share the booth to promote activities in Waterloo and Marshall. Seidl added that the Marshall Park & Recreation Department said Waterloo could tag along on their coat tails and they could tag along on ours. Since Marshall does have a Park & Recreation Department they are able to have activities for young and old.
- 5) **Unfinished Business**
 - a) **Garman/Knowlton Trailhead Facility, Recommendation to Council – City Engineer's Bid Tabulation and Bid Review**

Cotting felt the bids came in exceptionally high. She also informed the committee there was a telephone conference held regarding the bids and the main conclusion was to cut costs. Cotting wondered if a new bidding process would be beneficial and the answer was basically no and that there would also be a time lag. Clerk/Treasurer Hansen gave a presentation of the figures. He mentioned that approximately \$75,000 would still need to be raised. He said before bids can be accepted the committee's numbers must total. There were two scenarios in the packet for the Fox Lane residents, which they were able to go through last night. They liked the roadway number, which will be a special assessment for them in a 10 year period. They are going to seek private contracts for the sanitary sewer, which will help. Hansen and Cotting explained Alternate A, which was the decorative items and Alternate B, which is to replace efface instead of stucco. Cotting went through the list of items that could be cut to lower cost: brick pattern from ashier to running board; vendors with new products that are of good quality; smaller covered outdoor area; and take out restroom skylights. Leisses suggested approaching the DNR for more money and they responded negatively. Springer said the committee decided in the beginning to only spend what they had and that still stands. Seidl mentioned that the committee and the Implementation Team take their time and listen to the engineers and everyone involved so nothing is done rashly. He mentioned also that the committee and team should approach the Council having them believe that we know what we are doing and we are organized. Springer asked if Ho Chunk had been called about their donation and Cotting said they were notified but have not responded. Seidl thought they may be more willing since we are nearer the final process. Cotting informed the committee that she contacted Tina Crave with the Watertown Regional Hospital who told her they would explore the possibilities of a grant through the hospital. Hansen said that known figures need to be in place before a final proposal to the Council. Cotting mentioned that the bids are good for 60 days so we should get everything in place within 30 days. It was agreed upon to have this item be a continued item on the Parks Commission agenda.
 - b) **Youth Center Director Position.** Cotting debated what to do with this position. She heard that Marshall did not like partnering with Waterloo because it was Waterloo's way of getting out of paying for things. Seidl felt that Waterloo puts no money into infrastructure. He felt that Waterloo and Marshall should have a joint park district, that we share a Park & Recreation Director. Quimby said Lang was to bring some material for Youth Center Director. **Motion:** Moved by Quimby, seconded by Cotting to table the Youth Center Director Position until next month's meeting. **Voice vote:** Motion carried. **Discussion:** Some members showed their frustrations with the citizens of Waterloo not showing any interest in the city infrastructure. There were mixed feelings with the idea of partnering with another municipality to share resources, but it always does not work. Seidl mentioned that the Park Board was not being properly represented

since Strobel has scheduling issues with his work. Cotting mentioned Linda and John Joyce would be good candidates for the position.

c) Dog Park. Quimby suggested leaving the item on the agenda. Seidl said there was enough fencing to be able to get started. It was suggested setting up a Parks Commission booth at the Wellness weekend. Other items of interest would be skate park, Veterans Park. Springer said the monument needs a lot of masonry work. He had different ideas for plaques. Quimby said there needed to be rules and procedures as to how names are placed on the plaques. It will be placed on the agenda in April.

6) New Business. None.

7) Future Agenda Items, Announcements And Next Meeting Date.

8) Adjourn. Motion: Moved by Springer, seconded by Cotting to adjourn. **Voice vote:** Motion carried at approximately 7:32 a.m.

Attest:

Mo Hansen, Clerk/Treasurer