

# WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION - Minutes

MARCH 18, 2014 – COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

1. **Roll Call And Call To Order.** Parks Commission Chair Springer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Stinnett, Kegler, Cotting, Quimby, Springer, Joyce with one vacancy. Absent: None. Others attending: Advisory Member Public Works Director Gary Yerges, Eric Seidl (arriving late), Elyse Eastman and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. **Approval Of The Past Unapproved Meeting Minutes.** **Motion:** Moved by Quimby, seconded by Cotting to table approval of minutes until such time as they are available. **Voice vote:** Motion carried.
3. **Citizen Input.** None.
4. **Updates, Reports And Informational Items**
  - a. **Waterloo Regional Trailhead - Volunteer Coordinator Update.** **Discussion:** Cotting reported that she met the Legion Auxiliary organization as an outreach step. She said new Implementation Team Members had come into being: Tara Scott and Joe Nehmer. She said the fundraising strategy would become more regional. She mentioned a bike segment on Discover Wisconsin. Elyse Eastman said an April 15<sup>th</sup> event with a UW Researcher reporting on grazing was scheduled. She said the Maunasha River Alliance was using the facility. No action taken.
  - b. **Youker Park Landscaping Improvements Letter From Eric Seidl Representing McKay Nursery.** **Motion:** In Eric Seidl's absence by consensus the item was table. Motion carried unanimously. Once Seidl was present, the item was taken up. **Discussion:** Seidl said it was tough to assess the current vegetative matter. He was looking for a catalyst project suggesting bulbs or other things. He suggested coordination with the Waterloo Regional Trailhead. Seidl said he was on-board and would report back to a later meeting.
5. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. **Parks Commission Project Prioritization.** **Discussion:** The Parks Commissioners were perplexed by Hansen's efforts regarding prioritization. Quimby questioned the merit of the exercise. Cotting said she didn't want to see anything like it again. Stinnett and Quimby said it all should be simplified.
  - b. **Firemen's Park Repairs, Improvements – Update From Kunkel/Trustees March Meeting.** **Discussion:** Joyce reported that five items had been prioritized with Mitch Leisses of Kunkel Engineering. No action taken.
  - c. **Youth Director Position.** **Motion:** By unanimous consent the agenda item was struck.
  - d. **Dog Park – Further Consideration And Review Of Flood Plain Regulations.** **Discussion:** It was noted that Matt had not communication back on project interest. Stinnett said quite a few people had signed up in support of a dog park. No action taken.
  - e. **Skate Board Facility – Pricing.** **Motion:** By consensus the matter was tabled until next month.
  - f. **Update Of Municipal Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.** **Motion:** By consensus the matter was tabled until next month.
  - g. **Memorial Display At Veteran's Memorial Park.** **Discussion:** Springer said he would meet with Mitch Leisses on the topic.
  - h. **720 West Madison Street - Phase 2 Planning.** **Discussion:** Hansen said a water hazard existed and a walk-off hazard existed on the railroad side of the river. Cotting suggested buoys be place in the river to temporarily mitigate the hazard. No action taken.
6. **New Business**
  - a. **An Annual Parks Commission Organizational Calendar.** Noted.
  - b. **Recreation Director Position – Finance Committee's Request For A Waterloo Youth Sports Organization/Firemen's Park Trustees Submittal Relating To Use Of Municipal Dollars Estimated At \$4,500 Annually To Fund A Non-Municipal Position.** **Discussion:** Springer and others requested that a communication go to the YSO and Trustees seeking a proposal for making use of the \$4,500. No action taken.
7. **Announcements, Future Agenda Items And Next Meeting Date.** Noted.
8. **Adjourn.** **Motion:** By consensus the body adjourned. Time was approximately 6:00 p.m.

Attest:

Mo Hansen, Clerk/Treasurer