

WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION – MINUTES

April 15, 2014 – Waterloo Regional Trailhead, 760 McKay Way

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, Quimby, Springer, Joyce with two vacancies. Absent: None. Others attending: Scott Quimby, Tom Bergan, Eric Seidl, John Dunn and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. **Approval Of The Past Unapproved Meeting Minutes. Motion:** Moved by Springer, seconded by Joyce to table the meeting minutes until such time as they are prepared. **Voice vote:** Motion carried.
3. **Citizen Input.** None.
4. **Updates, Reports And Informational Items**
 - a. **Waterloo Regional Trailhead Update Discussion:** Tom Bergan said the Implementation Team was in favor of the Director position and while it would have to be opened up for all, the Team favored Laura Cotting for the position. Bergan commented that he didn't think the staffing needs called for a full-time position. Quimby said the position just can't be given to Cotting. Springer requested a job description saying it should consider fundraising. **Motion:** By consensus the body tabled the discussion. Motion carried.
 - b. **Youker Park Landscaping Improvements. Discussion:** Kegler noted clean-up work, said a grant application was in the works and said a donation of plant material was being sought. Seidl said Master Gardeners could be engaged for the work. As a side comment he said the Urban Forestry Grant would need to be resubmitted. No action taken.

MEETING NOTE: At this time a motion by Stinnett, seconded by Quimby was approved to take up item 5c. For purposes of the minutes the order is retained as originally indicated on the posted agenda.
5. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Parks Commission Project Prioritization & Update Of Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Motion:** By consensus the Commission tabled this item until a future date. Motion carried.
 - b. **Firemen's Park Repairs, Improvements – Update From Kunkel/Trustees March Meeting. Discussion:** Joyce noted that a meeting with Leisses was in the works.
 - c. **Dog Park – Planning Outline. Discussion:** John Dunn addressed the Commission saying he was interested in helping establish a dog park, that not enough fencing and the wrong kind of fencing was donated. He said the fencing could be sold. He put forward the idea of a June fundraiser. Jen Hughes, John Dunn, Matt (unknown last name), and Angie Stinnett were identified as being interested. Hansen reviewed the meeting packet memo. All those expressing interest were encouraged to continue on. No action taken.
 - d. **Skate Board Facility – Pricing. Discussion:** Springer identified a Brookfield representative for a company making facility equipment. He said it would have to be done in phases. He said \$1,500 was not enough money. He indicated that he would invite them out for a future meeting. No action taken.
 - e. **Memorial Display At Veteran's Memorial Park.** No action taken.
 - f. **720 West Madison Street - Phase 2 Planning. Discussion:** It was noted that the Public Works Department should mark the hazards.
 - g. **Recreation Director Position Continued Discussion – 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:** Hansen noted that both the Trustees and YSO expressed no interest in reacting to the Finance Committee's request for submittals. No action taken.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Waterloo Regional Trailhead Implementation Team Recommendations from April 14, 2014 meeting. Discussion:** Springer called for the delivery of a job description. No further action taken.
7. **Announcements, Future Agenda Items And Next Meeting Date.** # Jeni Quimby and Scott Quimby questioned John Joyce about negotiations between the Trustees and an organizer of a 2014 baseball tournament. Joyce replied that most items were part of a closed session discussion and he could not discuss them. Jeni Quimby urged reconsideration of Trustee action expressing concern that the event could move to Marshall. # Jeni Quimby encouraged John Dunn to join the Parks Commission.
8. **Adjournment. Motion:** By consensus the body adjourned. Motion carried. The approximate time was 5:55 p.m.

Attest:

Mo Hansen, Clerk/Treasurer