

# WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION – MINUTES

May 20, 2014 – Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 136 North Monroe Street

1. **Roll Call And Call To Order.** Parks Commissioner Quimby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Stinnett, Kegler, Quimby, Joyce with two vacancies. Absent: Springer. Others attending: Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. **Approval Of The Past Unapproved Meeting Minutes. Motion:** Moved by Joyce, seconded by Stinnett to table the meeting minutes until such time as they are prepared. **Voice vote:** Motion carried.
3. **Citizen Input.** # Al Kegler raised questions brought to his attention about Firemen’s Park to the Commission’s attention. He asked about a long present grass pile. He said Tom Holzhueter was a good choice for baseball diamond care. He said Sue Teubert commented as to why the bathrooms can’t be opened. He said boys were urinating outdoors and others were traveling to Kwik-Trip and other locations. He asked why mowing has to occur on the weekends when people want to enjoy the park.
4. **Updates, Reports And Informational Items**
  - a. **Waterloo Regional Trailhead - Volunteer Coordinator Update. Discussion:** Hansen said Trailhead meeting minutes were in the packet. He noted Implementation Team approved expenditures. Hansen said Cotting had indicated she would do a draft job description, but said after hearing later comments from Cotting on the topic; the task would likely be his responsibility. Hansen said Cotting has volunteered to staff the position in May, but would not continue in that capacity in June. Hansen said the Implementation Team members have said that they are pretty exhausted at this point in time. Hansen said Seidl was interested in holding a Movie Night fundraiser. In reply to a Quimby question, Hansen said he was informed that the next meeting was to be devoted to the fundraising task at hand. Hansen noted that Professor Steve Grabow was to hold a stakeholder meeting. Quimby commented that a job description was futile because there are zero dollars to allocate. Hansen said the Clerk’s office was scheduling Trailhead events as they came forward. Stinnett said that Cotting had informed her that until the sink was installed the Maunasha River Alliance could meet for free, but after that point, it could not. Hansen replied saying that at the last Implementation Team meeting the organization was placed on the free list. Stinnett questions where the authority was granted to place or not place groups on a free list. Hansen said numerous related questions were unanswered at this time. Quimby asked where does the responsibility lie for addressing this and similar questions? Hansen replied stating that the ordinance says the Public Works Department is responsible for all parks other than Firemen’s Park.
  - b. **Youker Park Landscaping Improvements. Discussion:** Kegler said the project had been awarded a \$1,750 grant; the details are in the process of being put together. Kegler is meeting with the writer of the grant and others this week. Kegler said the grass walkway was cut in.
  - c. **Dog Park. Discussion:** Hansen reported that a group was meeting informally, that the Mayor had not appointed a Committee yet. Hansen said he was trying to keep all interested parties in the communication loop.
5. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. **Parks Commission Project Prioritization & Update Of Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Discussion:** Hansen requested more time. No action taken.
  - b. **Firemen’s Park Repairs, Improvements – Update From Kunkel/Trustees March Meeting. Discussion:** Joyce said Mitch and Sue from Kunkel Engineering were to meet with Trustees the end of May. A task is to match grants with the top five priorities.
  - c. **Skate Board Facility – Pricing. Discussion:** Quimby encourage this item to be finalized. She directed Hansen to have a story run in the Courier seeking public input for ideas. Hansen said several youth stopped about skating but did not follow up with anything in writing.
  - d. **Memorial Display At Veteran’s Memorial Park.** No action taken.
  - e. **720 West Madison Street - Phase 2 Planning. Discussion:** John Joyce spoke in favor of a memorial drive in this area if the memorial is moved to the site. He said Waunakee has a good example to examine.
  - f. **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.** No action taken.
  - g. **Waterloo Regional Trailhead Implementation Team Request For Director’s Position – Job Description.** No action taken.
6. **New Business.** None.
7. **Announcements, Future Agenda Items And Next Meeting Date.** Next meeting. June 17, 2014
8. **Adjournment. Motion:** By consensus the body adjourned. Motion carried. The approximate time was 5:45 p.m.

Attest,

Mo Hansen, Clerk/Treasurer