

MINUTES
WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 136 NORTH MONROE STREET
NOVEMBER 18, 2014
5:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

Parks Commission Chairperson Springer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Stinnett, Kegler, Quimby, and Springer. Absent: Joyce with two vacancies. Others present: Gary Yerges, Maureen Giese and Interim Clerk/Treasurer Baird.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2014

Motion: Moved by Stinnett, seconded by Kegler to approve the meeting minutes of September 16, 2014. Voice Vote: All yes. Motion carried.

3. Citizen Input

None

4. Updates, Reports and Informational Items

a. Waterloo Regional Trailhead - Volunteer Coordinator Update (recurring item)

Discussion: Baird submitted a copy of the 2015 budget for the Waterloo Regional Trailhead, listing utility expenses only. The Board requested meeting minutes of the Implementation Team.

b. Dog Park (Dog Park Committee Representative)

Discussion: Baird reported that \$1,035.00 in Dog Park donations has been received since the insert in the Utility bill seeking donations was sent out. Plus \$1,000 was transferred from the Skate Park fund to the dog park by the Trustees of the WFD.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Firemen's Park Repairs, Improvements – Update from Kunkel/Trustees March Meeting (Joyce)

Discussion: No update.

b. Partnering with the Village of Marshall for Future Park Administration Services

Discussion: Quimby reported she talked with Sue Peck of the Village of Marshall and they are still in the process of hiring a Park Administrator and she would keep us informed. Springer said the cost would need to be identified since there is no budget for such a position. Said monies could possibly be taken from the Cable Fund. Quimby stated the Firemen's Park fund should be reviewed also since their wages would be involved.

6. New Business

None

7. Announcements, Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

a. Parks Commission Project Prioritization & Update of Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (Quimby/Clerk-Treasurer)

Giese questioned the status of the 2011 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Quimby replied that the plan is in the process of being updated.

Giese questioned the engineering report that was completed in regards to the condition of the Firemen's Park and the improvements that need to be done in excess of \$1,000,000, it was stated no monies are available, what is being done? Something should be done, if you can transfer monies from impact fees to the Trailhead, there is money available. The park is an asset to the City.

Springer reported the Trustees of the Park Board were checking into listing the park as a historic monument and they could not discuss it. Springer said improvements to the park have been identified upwards of \$1,000,000. By being part of a historic group grants are available for improvements. Springer said if the park is going to be run as a business then they need to show proof of their earnings.

Kegler felt the Trustees who run the park should be the people to take charge of the situation and run the park to make money. The trustees need to show they are interested and take charge to get things done.

Springer stated the Trustees are under contract and they need to answer to the City.

It was the consensus of the committee that if members do not participate, they should be replaced to have representation.

Stinnett said the WYSO does intend to have a representative in attendance.

b. Parks Commission Organizational Calendar

No changes

Motion: Moved by Stinnett, seconded by Kegler to cancel the December 16, 2014 meeting. Voice Vote: All yes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be scheduled for January 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Quimby, seconded by Stinnett to adjourn. Voice vote: All yes. Motion carried.

Attest

Lois A.M. Baird
Interim Clerk/Treasurer