

**Waterloo Parks Commission Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2015**

1. **Roll Call and Call to Order**

Springer called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Roll Call: Present: Quimby, Kegler, Stinnett and Springer. Absent: WFD Board of Trustees Representative. Others present: Dan & Lisa Hirschert.
2. **Meeting Minutes Approval: July 21, 2015 and August 20, 2015.** Moved by Quimby, seconded by Kegler to table the minutes until such time as they are prepared. Motion Carried.
3. **Public Comment**

Dan Hirschert spoke in regards to an interest of starting a pollinator project in the City of Waterloo whereby caterpillars and other species would be grown. Dan and Lisa further explained the process in which certain plants would need to be planted to attract the species of migration. They felt it a good idea for Waterloo and educational for children to become a Monarch Way Station. They explained the process of becoming a Way Station. It was suggested that the prairie land process would cut back on DPW mower time. Kegler volunteered to work with the Hirscherts to get the project started. The conversation continued forward discussing the clover property by Giese's property. Lisa Hirschert spoke with Maureen and she stated she did not care about the butterflies and that she liked to watch the geese and ducks. Dan Hirschert said that the goose feces goes into the pond and makes a complete mess which is not good for the environment. The taller the vegetation the less geese there will be in that area.
3. **Reports**
 - a. **Firemen's Park Trustees Register Reports – 2014 Financial Report**

The committee reviewed the 2014 Firemen's Park Trustees Register Reports. There were some items that were discussed in more length. The question of the City selling beer and liquor came up. Quimby asked DPW Yerges what his thoughts were of maintaining the park. Yerges did mention that Public Works would not clean the buildings. Lease agreements were discussed along with other means to make ends meet and eventually make profits for Firemen's Park. It will be a long process and certain people will need to be involved, such as WYSO, Chris Abell, Mayor, Gary Yerges, Home Talent, and anyone involved with the park. Hansen felt that the key would be the marketing person. Dick Jones felt an Event Coordinator was the needed factor both with Firemen's Park and the Waterloo Trailhead. Hansen will poll committee members and others who are involved when the meeting date will be.
 - b. **Waterloo Regional Trailhead Revenue and Expenditures as of 8/31/2015**

Hansen explained the handout of Revenue and Expenditures as of 8/31/2015 for the Waterloo Regional Trailhead.
4. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan – Drafting Update**

Hansen mentioned it was still a working document.
 - b. **2016 Park Planning and Budget Recommendation**
 - i. **Firemen's Park**
 - ii. **Waterloo Regional Trailhead**
 - iii. **All Other Parks**

Stinnet questioned the 90-day notice. Quimby felt that the event coordinator issue should be resolved first. Decisions need to be made prior.

5. New Business

a. 720 West Madison Street Park – Phase 2 Planning

Hansen mentioned the plan was similar. The committee reviewed and discussed the plans that were supplied. Hansen was directed to contact Kunkel Engineering to a first draft.

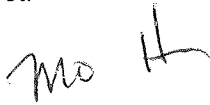
6. Announcements, Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting

Hansen mentioned the Waterloo Regional Trailhead free list needed to be added to the agenda. The Portland 4H would like to be added to that list. October 20, 2015 next meeting.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Quimby, seconded by Kegler to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Attest:



Morton J. Hansen
Clerk/Treasurer