

**Waterloo Parks Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**November 17, 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: Maureen Giese, Jean Jordon, Abby Haberkorn, Diane Graff, Matt Ziaja, Donna Larrabee, Gage Grotjahn, Sharon Burbach and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Quimby, seconded by Kegler to table the minutes until they are ready. Motion Carried.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Future Park Operations, Recommendations To Council. Springer informed the committee that a public forum was held to compile ideas from the public regarding the park. Tonight the committee is to decide what the outcome is going to be regarding the contract with the Trustees. Quimby informed the committee that it was mutually agreed upon to put in the 90-day cancellation of the contract. The trustees will have to decide what kind of group they want to form since the Fire Department has already stated they do not want any more involvement. There were two trustees that mentioned they were still interested in being involved with the park.

Maureen Giese did not feel the city can wait any longer. They are a non-functioning group at the moment so let's accept that and create our own group. At that meeting we had Gary Duckert and Gabe Haberkorn in a previous meeting where we had about 60 people. We cannot leave the momentum stop and I would hope the Parks Commission tonight as I mentioned in the newspaper and in my email to the members today, My heading was Firemen's Park Board of Trustees out and Friends of Firemen's Park in. I would like to see that title possibly taken and the people that were mentioned – Gabe Haberkorn, Gary Duckert, Chuck Wolfram, some of the people like Mary Lynn Schaefer have stepped up and said, let's reorganize, we have done it before, we can do it again. And I also said in the email today to the Parks Commission that there are a lot of potholes in the previous Park Trustees board. I don't want to review them here but they have not been transparent in a lot of questions that I have brought up to them personally at the park trustees board. And as I said in the email sometimes I had to ask 3 times to get an answer. So it is a non-functioning board and I don't think we can wait for another month to pass. They are not abiding by by-laws so let's just consider accepting a new group and we have volunteers and organize a new group, Friends of Firemen's Park. I would like the park board separate from any other connection to another park situation. I think we have enough problems right now with Firemen's Park. We have to answer and organize and get that going before we try to branch out and hire.

Quimby informed Giese that if she gets a board together that is strictly for Firemen's Park but we have to treat all the parks in the city with respect. We have to manage all of them. What we have to do tonight is give the Trustees their 90-day notice. We recommend to the Council and the Council has to approve it. They still have 90 days to carry on their business.

Giese asked why 90 days to which Quimby answered that it was like a legal contract. We are giving them a 90 day notice that they are done so they still have 90 days to clean up and do whatever they need to do.

Springer explained to Giese that in the contract there is a clause that states if either party, the City or the Trustees, want to terminate they have 90 days to do so. The party terminating the agreement will give the other party 90 day notice. There is no way getting around that clause. Springer explained that if the Council decided against terminating the contract there is nothing that can be done. A Friends of Firemen's Park group can be still started. We can still decide down the road about hiring a Parks Manager but we have to have full Council approval of the termination of that contract. So until we get that Thursday night there are no decisions that can

be made and then we still need to give the 90 days for them to take care of everything that they need to take care which includes logins for the web page, etc.

Giese asked if the firemen per say submitted a paper saying they do not want to handle the Firemen's Park Board anymore. Springer reiterated to Giese the reasoning for the 90 day termination.

Moved by Quimby, seconded by Stinnett to recommend to the Council that the contract be terminated with the Trustees giving them 90 days. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Springer, Quimby and Stinnett. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Hansen explained some handouts, flow charts and scenarios regarding the Parks Director. There was extensive discussion regarding the future of the park.

Moved by Quimby, seconded by Stinnett to have Mo send out the RFP for Parks Director. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Springer, Quimby and Stinnett. Noes – none. Motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Ice Rink At Waterloo Regional Trailhead.

The committee discussed the possibility of an ice rink. Springer said that there are certain supplies and criteria needed to build a proper ice rink. There was discussion as to the location of the ice rink and who might be interested in helping get it started and keep it going. No action taken.

b. 720 W. Madison St. Park Planning Draft, Kunkel Engineering. A preliminary concept drawing was handed out and there was extensive discussion. No action taken.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING

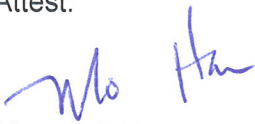
a. Review of Parks Commission Calendar

b. Next Meeting, December 15, 2015

6. 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