

**WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION – MINUTES**  
**June 14, 2017**

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER. Stinnett called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. ROLL CALL: Voting members present, Stinnett, Kegler and Strobel. Absent: Kopplin & Quimby. Ex-officio members present: Parks Coordinator Haberkorn and Public Works Director Yerges. Absent: Crave. Others present: Maureen Giese, Assistant Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Mike Kawula, Maureen Giese; Jim Larrabee; Larry Killian; Deputy Public Works Director Jeff Robbins; Diane Graff of the Courier and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: APRIL 12, 2017 & MAY 10, 2017. MOTION: Moved by Kegler, seconded by Strobel to approve the meeting minutes as presented noting that no meeting was held in May. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
3. CITIZEN INPUT. ## Maureen Giese said she was disappointed in July 4<sup>th</sup> planning; she supported the monuments and asked to not keep tabling the matter as it gets forgotten. She suggested the name Waterloo Cannery Park for 720 West Madison Street saying using the address was insufficient.
4. REPORTS/UPDATES
  - a. Coordinator's Report. Haberkorn said the concert attendance was smaller than expected. The masonry work at the Firemen's Park gate would be done next week. Youker Park milkweed was planted and covered. A concept for removing 13 barriers located between drive lanes in Firemen's Park was discussed. Kevin Novak fixed exit lights. \$20,000 was needed for the Reunion Hall roof. A disc golf group is looking to be started. A basketball donation was changed to \$5,000 for a sand volleyball court. The bike rodeo is July 16<sup>th</sup>. He said an estimate for fixing the Veterans Park monument was \$18,900 and an estimate for taking it down was \$3,800. He was interested in a big donor having naming rights for 720 West Madison Street. Haberkorn noted unexpected expenses including fixing a ball diamond scoreboard; men's bathroom tile removal; new master breaker and round house electrical fixes; an outfield fence needs fixing. He said Cornerstone Church would volunteer July 2. Haberkorn noted donations from the Booster Club and WYSO. No action taken.
  - b. Parks Financial Report – May. Noted. No action taken.
  - c. 2017 Capital Projects. Handout. No action taken.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - a. Waterloo Veteran Memorial Follow-up. DISCUSSION: Jim Larrabee addressed the commission. Strobel indicated that killed-in-action memorials in Firemen's Park would need to be carefully removed as three are part of a continuous concrete pour. The general consensus was to revisit the matter once Larrabee, Killian and those leading efforts for a new memorial in Oak Hill Cemetery have substantially completed fundraising efforts for that new memorial. MOTION: Moved by Strobel, seconded by Kegler to table action on this item until such time as fundraising for the new memorial is substantially completed. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
  - b. 720 West Madison Street Phase 4, Concept Plan, Implementation. DISCUSSION: Kegler questioned focusing on this project when other projects needed attention. Strobel asked if items were prioritized. Haberkorn said fund raising would take time. MOTION: Moved by Kegler, seconded by Strobel to table the matter until October. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
  - c. Addressing Fallen Trees Blocking The Maunasha River Flow. DISCUSSION: Yerges said the fallen trees identified in the river next to Firemen's Park as inaccessible, the ground is too soft for a tractor. It was said that help should be sought from the Maunasha River Alliance. Robbins said DPW doesn't have the assets to remove the items. Haberkorn said he would contact Jefferson County Parks Director Joe Nehmer. No action taken.
6. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Youker Park As A Tree-filled Wooded Area, Mia Kennel. DISCUSSION: Kegler questioned what the request was. Stinnett said she has invited Mia Kennel to attend. Strobel said it would be best to table & ask Mia Kennel to attend. No action taken.
  - b. Request For Improved Walkway Lawn Care At Firemen's Park, Matt Ziaja. DISCUSSION: It was noted that action was already in the works and took place soon after receipt of the request. No action taken.
  - c. Alternatives To Herbicide Spraying At River's Edge In Firemen's Park And Other Municipal Parks, Matt Ziaja. DISCUSSION: Chad Yerges and Jeff Robbins address the Commission saying spraying was the most cost effective control measure. In reply to a question, Robbins said spraying at the river's edge

was not likely an allowable use according to the label. Stinnett asked DPW staff to discuss the matter with Matt and Erin Ziaja.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING

- a. July Meeting: 2018 Budget Discussion Preparing For Coordinator's Budget Submittal. Noted.
- b. Next Meeting: July 12<sup>th</sup> At 5:00 pm. Noted.

8. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Moved by Kegler, seconded by all others to adjourn. Approximate time: 5:58 pm



Mo Hansen  
Clerk/Treasurer