

WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION – MINUTES
October 11, 2017

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER. Parks Commission Chair Stinnett called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 5:01 pm in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. ROLL CALL: Voting members present: Stinnett, Kegler, Kopplin, Quimby & Strobel. Absent: None. Ex-officio members present: Charley Crave, Parks Coordinator Gabe Haberkorn & Public Works Director Chad Yerges. Absent: WRT Representative Charley Crave & WYSO Representative Shannon Koele. Others present: Maureen Giese, Richard Korth, John Spies, Charles Kuhl, Jim Larrabee, Special Guest Craig Wilson & Diane Graff of the Courier.
2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: AUGUST 9, 2017. MOTION: Moved by Kegler, seconded by Stinnet to approve the meeting minutes as presented. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
3. CITIZEN INPUT. None.
4. REPORTS/UPDATES
 - a. Coordinator's Report. Haberkorn talked about 175-year-old fallen tree next to Pavilion and reported damages were minimal, but was very lucky more damage was not done. Mason Gate entrance waiting on contractor to put up "WFD" letters. Updated commission on Concert Series Success and Wiener & Kraut Day Success and Closing out for the year, Park Beautification Project with decorative stones to replace middle road section cement blocks in the spring, Fall clean-up, Reunion Hall review and changes at the end of year. Haberkorn talked about the creation of a Disc Golf group for changes to the golf course, electrical updates to gazebo and outdoor bathrooms and Volleyball court changes in location to upper mall area. Waterloo Dog Park donors have been contacted and a review process is being done to see what can be done for fixes to the park. Haberkorn talked about updates to the Donation Campaign including the Tailgate Event held August 7, 2017. Kegler stated that we are at "Phase 1" of having citizens use the park more. Now we need to get to "Phase 2" and have more people involved as volunteers to help with park events and taking care of her. Maureen Giese voiced her concern over thanking individuals in the paper or it may discourage them from helping. It was stated by Parks Coordinator Haberkorn that it has been done in the past for July 4th and personally delivering "Thank You" letters from last year's Donation Campaign.
 - b. Parks Financial Report – August & September. Noted.
 - c. 2017 Capital Projects. Noted.
5. NEW BUSINESS.
 - a. Request for Snowmobile Trail Access, Waterloo Trail Twister Snowmobiling Club. Parks Coordinator Haberkorn explained the reason for this to be on Parks Commission Agenda as it is the decision of the Parks Commission to approve Snowmobile Trails in the City of Waterloo. Charles Kuhl spoke on behalf of the Waterloo Trail Twisters on the route to the Kwik Trip from the 333 Portland Road property. MOTION: Moved by Kegler, seconded by Strobel to approve the proposed route as presented. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried
 - b. 720 West Madison Street Phase 4, Naming Rights. Maureen Giese spoke briefly on the history of the current property and the importance of steps to create the park. Naming rights first and then a mission statement. Maureen Giese then introduced Craig Wilson. Craig Wilson spoke about Raymond "Butch" Fox who used to own part of the Canning Factory on the location and his love of kites that he would donate to hundreds of children in the area each year. He expressed his willingness to help raise money or events for the park if named by the end of the year and if the naming rights were in some way related to Raymond "Butch" Fox. Possible name was given as Homestyle Park. MOTION: Tabled to next meeting.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING.
 - a. Next Meeting: December 13th, At 5:00 pm
7. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Moved by multiple Commissioners, seconded by all others to adjourn. Approximate time: 6:00 pm



Gabe Haberkorn
Park Coordinator