

WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION – MINUTES

May 9, 2018

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER. Parks Commission Chair Stinnett called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 5:04 pm in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. ROLL CALL: Voting members present: Stinnett, Kegler, Quimby. Absent: Kopplin & Strobel. Ex-officio members present: Parks Coordinator Gabe Haberkorn, Public Works Director Chad Yerges & WRT Representative Charley Crave. Absent: WYSO Representative Katy Powers. Others present: Maureen Giese & Diane Graff of the Courier.
2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: DECEMBER 12, 2017. MOTION: Moved by Quimby, seconded by Kegler to approve the meeting minutes as presented. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
3. CITIZEN INPUT. None.
4. REPORTS/UPDATES
 - a. Coordinator's Report. Haberkorn discussed that the Beautification Project was at \$13000. Easter Egg Hunt was around 75 children despite bad weather. Spring Clean was scheduled for April 21, moved to April 28 due to snow. Still managed to gather 20 volunteers and the project was successful. Mason Gate entrance steel signs delivered and plantings moved for signage. Solar lights will be purchased for sign. Park Beautification Project has started with removal of trees in front of Pavilion. Retaining wall project will begin soon and Haberkorn will be meeting with a group for possible donation to project on June 19. Decorative stones will be done around the same time as new sitting area. Flooring in Pavilion is complete with a refinish project scheduled for the winter. 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. Maureen Giese spoke of bench area in front of Pavilion. She discussed the access of sitting area by cars driving down the park road and safety of visitors. Haberkorn discussed that it is going to be a sitting/memorial garden. Haberkorn then spoke about Reunion Hall roof cost of \$20,000. Kegler talked of using Shoe Factory money to repair roof. Updates to scoreboards are done and ready for placement of the new receivers in the spring. Working with WYSO to put in receivers with scaffolding in place. Infrastructure fixes done were some electrical to Roundhouse and Bandstand areas. Haberkorn then went on to discuss a possible grant program for new lighting through WPPi. Sand Volleyball Court is moving forward. A possible buyer of the "slider shack" has fallen through. Character Shuffle for the School District has been cancelled. Carousel inspection was completed in April. Flooding occurred in the Carousel, but since has been rectified. No damage occurred during the flooding. Mr. Wolfgram is having surgery and will not be able to help in his normal capacity with the Carousel this summer. Lisa Parr for Carousel Restoration wants to come and restore the Carousel horses, but we have decided to wait another year. Maureen Giese talked about Lisa taking one horse at a time over the winter months. Waterloo Parks received a check for \$900 from the Schwandt Foundation for Park Beautification Project. Coordinator Haberkorn did not hear back from Michels on naming rights for the Park Roadway.
 - b. Parks Financial Report December through April. Discussion on event totals being lower as Summer Baseball Schedules are not entered. Noted.
 - c. 2017 Capital Projects. Noted.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.
 - a. Seasonal Employees, Payroll. Haberkorn spoke about a pay increase of \$1.00 for Arty Holzhueter. Funds with 2018 budget.
 - b. Park Rental Increase. Haberkorn discussed Pavilion being fully booked and raising prices would still keep us at the area average. He also discussed the Maunsha Business Center is on the new schedule as well. Fees would increase \$250 for all Pavilion Rentals and \$500 in a Rental Deposit. Discussion. MOTION: Moved by Quimby to send to Finance Committee for rental increase, seconded by Crave. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried
 - c. Addressing 2017 Parks Financial Deficit. Discussion. Maureen Giese asked if we have looked at other parks to help address expenses. Haberkorn spoke of a possible funding source for other parks to take some of the burden off of the overall Parks Budget. Giese also spoke about Veterans Park and what is to be done moving forward so it is not forgotten. She spoke that in some minds that the memorial is a disgrace on that is has not been kept up. Stinnett spoke about on the previous quote received of fixing the Monument was \$15,000. Giese also stated that Firemen's Park is our main priority, but to not forget about the Veterans Park or other Parks in Waterloo. MOTION: Moved by Quimby to send to a packet to Finance for their next meeting, seconded by Kegler. VOICE VOTE: Motion Carried
 - d. 720 West Madison Street Phase 4, Naming Rights. Discussion. Haberkorn stated that the school did not have their final 3 names selected and asked for it to be tabled until the next meeting. Haberkorn spoke that they have 20 some names submitted along with 3 from Maureen Giese and 3 from Jean Jordan. Giese spoke of delayed action the same as the no action. Believes action should be taken next month, not the

next meeting. She spoke it helps build character and just dropping it does just the opposite. Stinnett stated that with Haberkorn being a full time employee for the city and proving that he does an excellent job, this would not happen. Haberkorn spoke of two possible outcomes: A June 13 meeting would match up with end of the school year. A September 10 meeting would be in line with the start of school. MOTION: Tabled until August 8

6. INFORMATION.

- a. Firemen's Park Memorial Update. Haberkorn spoke that the American Legion has taken all but three memorials. Discussion.
- b. Ash Borer in Firemen's Park (Waterloo Area). Haberkorn spoke of 50 trees in Firemen's Park that have the Emerald Ash Borer. Trees will have to be removed. Discussion.
- c. Sewer Replacement in Firemen's Park. Haberkorn spoke about the Tile System for the Main Baseball Field has collapsed and needed to be replaced. Haberkorn then stated of the replacement of sewer lines to the lift station from Firemen's Park. Discussion

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING.

- a. Next Meeting: August 8th, 2018 at 5:00 pm

8. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Adjourned by consensus. Approximate time: 6:29 pm



Gabe Haberkorn
Park Coordinator