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UNAPPROVED

Roll Call: Present - James Schara, Council Member Rick Verhaalen, Terry Wagner, Paul Rushing, Brian Clement, Glenn Herold, Dave Polacek

Also Present - Director of Parks and Recreation Danny Friess

City Forester Kevin Westphal

Recreation Coordinator Chandler Steffen

Paul Rushing nominated Glenn Herold for Chairperson. There were no other nominees. Motion made by Paul Rushing, seconded by James Schara, to elect Glenn Herold as Chairperson. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Council Member Verhaalen nominated Terry Wagner for Vice-Chairperson. There were no other nominees. Motion made by Council Member Verhaalen, seconded by James Schara, to elect Terry Wagner as Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Motion made by Council Member Verhaalen, seconded by Dave Polacek, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting. Motion carried without a negative vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Friess explained that the project is still in the early stages. The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board discussed some different options for the property. Paul Rushing mentioned that he will make some drawings of the property to scale and explained how it will be helpful to visualize the space. He also mentioned that the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board should get public input. Director Friess stated how this project will be ongoing and that the Board can set a future meeting to gather public input.

Discuss Beckmann Park Property; and Action Thereon

Director Friess explained that there is a developer that wants to buy an area of green space on the south side of Beckman Park to build apartments. The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board had no interest in selling the land. No motion was necessary.

Consider Centennial Park All-Children's Playground Renovation Design; and Action Thereon

Director Friess explained that All-Children's Playground is currently becoming a hazard and requires a lot of maintenance to keep it safe for the public to use. The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department has decided on a new design for the renovation of All-Children's Playground. He introduced Troy Smith from Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground.

Troy Smith from Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground went over the new design for All-Children's Playground. He touched on inclusivity and accessibility of the playground and how it can be utilized by all children despite their level of ability.

Council Member Verhaalen inquired about the lifespan of the poured in place. Troy explained that when the poured in place is done properly it will last the lifespan of the playground. He also explained that the playground is made of stainless steel with a powder coating and that proper maintenance will preserve the life of the playground.

Chairperson Herold inquired about the timeline of the project. Director Friess stated that our goal is to have the process begin in the spring of 2022.

Motion was made by Paul Rushing, seconded by Dave Polacek, to approve the renovation design for All-Children's Playground. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Discuss Virtual vs. In-Person Board Meetings; and Action Thereon

Director Friess explained that the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board needs to decide if we should continue having virtual meetings or have in-person meetings. The Board discussed and decided to keep meetings virtual for the time being.

Review and Certify Code of Ethics; and Action Thereon

Chairperson Herold certified that everyone on the Board has read, reviewed, and certified the Code of Ethics. There were no questions, and no further discussion was necessary.

REPORTS

Director Friess reported on the new pool manager, the pool opening, staff training the pool, the renovations to the pool, t-ball, soccer, Kids Kickoff to Summer event, indoor and outdoor water fitness, flag football, adult softball, STEM and MAD Science classes, and seasonal park staff.

City Forester Westphal reported on tree planting, Cedarburg Green tree sale, tree removals, service requests, and Code enforcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by James Schara, seconded by Terry Wagner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Chandler Steffen
Recreation Coordinator