

Menasha aldermen occasionally attend meetings of this body. It is possible that a quorum of Common Council, Board of Public Works, Administration Committee, Personnel Committee may be attending this meeting. (No official action of any of those bodies will be taken).

**CITY OF MENASHA
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

Smith Park Pavilion
301 Park Street

Tuesday, August 8, 2017
6:00PM

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Minutes of the July 11, 2017 Regular Park Board Meeting

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER RELATED TO CITY PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Letter from Paul Konetzke

E. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD/STAFF

1. Department Report – PRD Tungate
2. Park, Pool and Vandalism Report – PS Maas
3. Summer Recreation Supervisor Report/Q & A – Jaime Anderson

F. DISCUSSION

1. Establish a monthly and yearly vending/concession license

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. Reconsider an alternative configuration for the Hart Park basketball court
2. Dog Paddle – pet swim at the pool – August 20th; PD Officer M. Miller or Event Representative

H. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Five (5) minute time limit for each person

I. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF MENASHA
Parks and Recreation Board
Jefferson Park – 915 Third Street
July 11, 2017
DRAFT MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chr. D Sturm at 6:00 pm.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Sturm, R. DeLain, T. Marshall, L. Hopwood, Ald. T. Grade

MEMBERS EXCUSED: N. Barker, B. Adesso

OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Tungate, PS Maas, Chris Klein, Malcolm Hjerstadt, Mayor Don Merkes, Patty Darling, Adrienne Palm

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. **Minutes of the June 13, 2017 Park Board Meeting:** Moved by L. Hopwood, seconded by R.DeLain to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2017 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER RELATED TO CITY PARKS AND RECREATION

E. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/OR CONSULTANTS

1. **Department Report:** PRD Tungate reported on the upcoming Bubble Run on July 20, the outdoor movie at the pool scheduled for July 13, yoga at the pool and that the Mayor hopes to make an appointment soon for the Board vacancy due to Nancy Barker's pending resignation.
2. **Park, Pool and Vandalism Report:** PS Maas reported on the damage to the West Diamond softball diamond fence, work continues at Shepard Park as part of the Rock the Block project, trail gates at the Hwy 114 trail are ready to install, Communityfest set up went well and a couple trees were damaged by cars along Second St.
3. **Swimming Pool Manager's Report/Q & A:** Pool Manager Chad Bruechert gave a short report on the pool operation. The pool is at full staff due in large part to off-season recruiting efforts and a new \$9 per hour starting wage for lifeguards. More applicants will be sought for 2018. A new Junior Lifeguard class was offered this year. This will also aid in staff recruitment. The Director, pool managers and maintenance meet regularly at the pool to discuss timely pool operation matters.

F. DISCUSSION

1. **Special Event Approval Process:** Board member L. Hopwood requested this topic be discussed. It has appeared to her that perhaps the lines of communication between city staff and event organizers could be improved. PRD Tungate stated he understood that concern and that sometimes first time event planners can be a little bit overwhelmed by the process. Insurance certificates can cause some confusion and delay. Sometimes planners get the forms and don't do anything with them for a while which can cause delays later. It was stated that in general staff would strive to make more follow up calls or emails in an attempt to help keep the events on schedule. After the first year, special event planning typically goes much smoother.

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approve Bazaar After Dark event to be held July 22, 2017:** Motion by L. Hopwood, seconded

by R. DeLain to approve Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce's request for use of Curtis Reed Square on July 22, 2017. Adrienne Palm described the event. Around 75 vendors are scheduled. Main music stage to be near Curtis Reed Square. Event planners have met with the Special Event Committee. Motion carried.

2. **Approve Seafoodfest event to be held September 8 & 9, 2017 in Jefferson Park:** Motion by L. Hopwood seconded by T. Marshall to approve Seafoodfest's request for use of Jefferson Park on September 8 & 9, 2017. Two main music areas this year. Event set up was reviewed. Motion carried.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by L. Hopwood, seconded by Rob D., to adjourn at 7:24 pm. Motion carried.

July 26, 2017
Paul Konetzke
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Mayor Merkes and Menasha City Council:

I'd like to express my support for a dog park in Menasha.

Although it's been many years since I've had a dog of my own, I do sometimes have a one-year old named Ruby who, when her "owner" is out of town, will spend a few days terrorizing rabbits and squirrels in my fenced yard.

Neither Ruby nor I had ever visited a "dog park" before. But, when she recently accompanied me on a drive down Co. A to Oshkosh, we stopped at the County Park, near Winnebago, to see what it was all about.

When we first arrived, we had the entire park to ourselves. We walked the perimeter of the "back area" and I was surprised at how large it was, with plenty of brush to poke around in. Over the next few hours, as other visitors came and went, Ruby got to run the entire area, unleashed, and chase to her heart's content with at least 20-30 other dogs. She would occasionally check back in with me, and her water dish, with a look that seemed to say "Wow!!! Why haven't we done this before?"

I found a shady spot to sit and watch dogs and birds. People seemed to be diligent about cleaning up. And the dogs seemed to work out their politics without much intervention.

Ruby doesn't walk well on a leash. She's got too much energy and she pulls too hard. This place seemed to burn off a few day's worth of that excess energy. (Well, a few hour's worth, at least.) And, for me, it was an absolutely nice way to sit and relax for a few hours, in a "park" that required little more than space, trees, shade, and a perimeter fence. Too bad it's so far away; we're not going to be driving down there very often.

Here in Menasha, we seem to have our plaques and fountains squared away. I vote for a dog park next. (And I ALWAYS vote.)

Thanks very much.

Paul Konetzke