

CITY OF MENASHA
Parks and Recreation Board
City Hall, 100 Main St, Rm 132
February 13, 2018
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: Dick Sturm, Brian Adesso, Ted Grade, Tom Marshall, Lisa Hopwood, Rob DeLain

Members Absent: Melissa Zwach (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Tungate, PS Maas, Tom Schultz, Ald. Stan Sevenich, Michael Taylor

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. **Minutes of the January 9, 2018 Park Board Meeting** Moved by Ald. T. Grade, seconded by L. Hopwood to approve the minutes of the January 9 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

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

1. Michael Taylor stated he felt the Avalone property should remain in a natural state

E. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/OR CONSULTANTS

1. **Department Report** PRD Tungate reported that an open house will be held on March 1 to seek public input on a new playground at Koslo Park. The summer program booklet has been mailed and online registration has begun. The possibility of adding a roof or canopy over the observation area and trail on the new Loop the Lake pedestrian bridge is being discussed. Neenah has committed to building a canopy on their bridge.
2. **Park, Pool and Vandalism Report** PS Maas reported on building snow blocks for the Winter Gala held on February 2 went as well as could be expected. Event was well attended. 50+ ash trees have been removed by city crew this winter. Shelter buildings are being re-keyed. Marina electric pedestal upgrades have been completed for this year. Tree pruning is also taking place. CIP project planning for 2018 has also been ongoing.

F. DISCUSSION

1. Opportunities for Public Art

- A. Tom Schultz, local artist: Mr. Schultz presented a sculpture piece entitled "The Promise of the River". It would be made of stainless steel. He is a commissioned artist that would have to find the funding for the piece. The Board seemed to like the look of the design as well as was receptive to the potential of having it placed in a city park or greenspace. The process for city approval will be reviewed.

B. Alex Schultz, Sculpture Valley: Alex was not present at the meeting

2. Water Plant Intake Project Update – Adam Smith/Coordination with Future Park Planning

Adam Smith from Menasha Utilities presented a map depicting MU's plans for a new water intake facility. General discussion ensued. Per DNR requirements, the new intake needs to be 1000' from the boat landing. The question was asked if the existing boat landing could potentially be moved. MU could seek a variance to have the intake less than 1000' from the launch. This would require revisiting the park's vision plan. Staff will consider this idea.

3. **Review Hart Park Shelter Renovation Plans** Staff reviewed the plans to repaint, reroof and replace the existing window with a small glass garage door. This project is in the 2018 CIP budget. The Board like the plans and look forward to the improvements.

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Reconfirm 2017 Jefferson Park Vision Plan Comments about the Avalone Property** As noted in the approved 2017 Jefferson Park Vision Plan, the Park Board reconfirms that "acquiring the Avalone property (995 Brighton Dr) is not vital for the city to enhance the park user experience" and that should the Common Council choose to acquire the property, the Board envisions any development of this "flexible greenspace" as a low priority which is beyond the current five year CIP cycle. Motion by B. Adesso, seconded by T. Marshall. Motion carried unanimously.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Five (5) minute time limit for each person

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by B. Adesso, seconded by L. Hopwood to adjourn at 7:47pm. Motion carried.