

CITY OF MENASHA
Parks and Recreation Board
Virtual Meeting
March 23, 2021
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chr. Dick Sturm at 6:09pm.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chr. Dick Sturm, Brian Adesso, Rachael Dowling, Ald. Ted Grade, Tim Hale, Lisa Hopwood, Tom Marshall

OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Megan Sackett, DDMO Thad Brown, DPW/P Superintendent Travis MacDonald, Sandra Dabill-Taylor, Ald. Stan Sevenich, Ald. James Taylor, Ald. Randy Ropella, Ald. Rebecca Nichols

C. PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

S. Dabill-Taylor commented on attendance at the Lawson Canal Mtg, feels it may be difficult to get appropriate funding, questioned if Brews on 'Bago was a Rotary or City event – opposed to it unless it is strictly Rotary.

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. **Minutes of the February 16, 2021 Park Board Meeting:** Moved by Ald. T. Grade, seconded by T. Hale to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

E. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. **Amendment to Park Ordinance 12-1 Park Regulations:** Ald. T. Grade moved to approve the recommended changes, seconded by T. Hale. Motion carried.
2. **Overview of Brews on 'Bago:** PRD Sackett presented as a family friendly event with games/food trucks. There were questions about the hours (5-8p), if Kargus Dr would be closed, using Stone Arch – do tapped kegs need to be purchased and is Stone Arch the only option, and concern about the lack of children's activities. Rotary is the main contact/organizer. Ald. T. Grade moved to approve moving forward with plans for Brews on 'Bago, seconded by T. Hale. Motion carried 6-1 (Nay-Rachael Dowling).
3. **Summer 2021 Recreation/Pool Programming:** will be partnering with MJSD on some programming; guide will be going out early-mid April; planning the Family First Series with modifications keeping COVID in mind; moving forward with Community Fest and Grunski; pool scheduled to open the second week of June with more evening lesson times and capacity at 200 (25% of max).

F. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD / STAFF

1. **Department Report**

PRD Sackett reported on the following:

- Jefferson Park playground project is in motion
- Lt. Oleszak is proceeding with the Hart Park survey
- A Rec Supervisor/Senior Services Manager has been hired
- Senior Center opening the beginning of May

2. **Park, Pool and Forestry Report**

DDMO Brown reported on:

- Lights at the pump house
- Tree removal is complete
- Ninth St. boat launch bumper, deck and handrails upgraded

- Built shelving for rec programs at Clovis and Jefferson
- Smith Pavilion roof addressed next month
- Conservancy/Memorial Building
- Ald. Grade inquired about the Jefferson shorewall status. Thad indicated some work may happen this year, possibly not all of it due to staffing changes. Chr. Sturm asked to revisit this discussion and get an update at the November or December Park Board meeting.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Sandra Dabill-Taylor expressed concern about the Senior Center opening and the partnership with the YMCA. She does not approve of Brews on 'Bago citing COVID concerns and that it is not a family event; Ald. Taylor feels that Kargus Drive should be considered a street and have a proper closure permit, Menasha breweries should be considered for beer garden.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by L. Hopwood, seconded by T. Marshall to adjourn at 7:07pm. Motion carried.