

CITY OF MENASHA
Parks and Recreation Board
Hart Park
July 20, 2021
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chr. Dick Sturm at 6:01pm.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Sandra Dabill-Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Megan Sackett, DDMO Thad Brown, PW/Parks Superintendent Travis MacDonald, Lt. Nick Oleszak.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

S. Dabill-Taylor commented on the following:

- Suggested having a rental fee for using trails for events.
- Questioned if there was a rental fee for field usage in addition to fee to line fields for the football program.
- Indicated that the report of department head in meeting minutes needs to be more clear
- Expressed concerns the purpose of the snow fence at Community Fest on July 4th and if it is to regulate carry-ins or for safety reasons.

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. **Minutes of the June 2, 2021 Park Board Meeting:** Moved by Ald. T. Grade, seconded by T. Hale to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021 Park Board meeting. Chairman D. Sturm requested that the minutes read "Approve Menasha Farm Fresh Market and Beer Permit at Curtis Reed Square June 23-October 28, 2021." Sturm noted that the reason the Farm Fresh Market needed approval at Curtis Reed Square is because it includes a Beer Permit. Motion carried.
2. **Minutes of the June 15, 2021 Park Board Meeting:** Moved by Ald. T. Grade, seconded by B. Adesso to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

E. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. **Hart Park Update:** Lt. Oleszak reviewed the results of the Hart Park neighborhood survey.
 - Survey area included 34 households
 - Received about 50% response rate
 - A letter was left at the house if the resident was not there indicating they could call the police department to provide their feedback.
 - 50/50 split positive-negative feedback.
 - Residents are enthused about the new playground and equipment,
 - Main concern of residents is drugs, fights, language at the skatepark and basketball court.
 - There is a positive feeling about the programming happening at Hart Park this Summer.
 - Cameras installed in late June will help to provide confirmation of reported incidents.
 - Sackett indicated we have had approximately 50 families participate in our Hart Park programs so far this Summer.

F. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD / STAFF

1. **Department Report**

PRD Sackett reported on the following:

- New pool events – Splish Splash Storytime and other additional weekly events happening at pool in last half of season
- Senior Center is open 8am-1pm, 4 days/wk, phase 2 will be same hours, but be open M-F. Current programming includes Strong Bodies, Tai Chi, Chair Yoga and Stretch/Strength/Balance classes.
- The Families First Series kicked off with a successful Carnival on June 16, which had several hundred people attend. Our Entertainer on June 23 drew a crowd of approximately 80 people and there were approximately 100 people who came to the Movie Night on June 30. Whoa! H2O was rescheduled to August 25 due to stormy weather. 25-30 families joined us for BINGO & Burgers night and Wheel-y Fun is tomorrow night.
- Staff is working on the Fall Rec guide is slated to go out mid-August
- Lots of things happening yet this summer will include the Brian Tungate Pickleball Tournament, 2 more Brews on 'Bago and pop-up events at Hart Park.

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

DDMO Brown reported:

- Landscaping at DPW is complete
- Replumbing of the 2 lines at the Tayco Fountain is complete
- The water lines going into the Memorial Building, Jefferson Park, and Koslo Park were checked to see if they were lead services and all are good. DDMO Brown did indicate the old plumbing at the Memorial Building should be placed on a future CIP.
- New hire is starting on July 26th.
- Future projects include the Jefferson Park shorewall and Resthaven wall.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

S. Dabill-Taylor expressed concerns about the cameras at Hart Park and if there should be signage stating "under surveillance."

R. Dowling indicated there is a neighbor who is interested in having a fence installed between the Family Dollar parking lot and the park. D. Sturm indicated their used to be a fence.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by L. Hopwood, seconded by T. Marshall to adjourn at 6:44pm. Motion carried.