

CITY OF MENASHA
Joint Meeting of the Common Council and the Parks and Recreation Board
Menasha City Hall, 100 Main Street, First Floor Conference Rooms
November 29, 2022
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Merkes at 4:00pm.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Merkes, Ald. Rebecca Nichols, Ald. Rosita Eisenach; Ald. Stan Sevenich, Ald. Austin Hammond, Ald. Ann Schmidt, Ald. Tom Grade, Ald. Ted Grade, Ald. Randy Ropella, Park Board Chr. Dick Sturm, R. Dowling, T. Hale, E. Wickman, B. Adesso, T. Marshall

OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Megan Sackett; DDMO Thad Brown, PW/Parks Superintendent Travis MacDonald and Blake Theisen

EXCUSED ABSENCE: None

C. PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Sandra Dabill-Taylor (545 Broad St.) commented on the amount of donations to help fund the park project, future of Jefferson School, concern over Kargus Dr and handicap parking, future of softball, amount of parking lots and the missing of a music and events amphitheatre.

Tom Miller (177 Marina Pl) commented on the public participation in the process and that it is an underappreciated park.

James Taylor (340 Broad St.) spoke about having fishing piers that have tie ups for boats and by main pavilion, adding more trees and a possible pickleball court and a covered bridge and the use of softball diamonds is less than when he was a kid.

D. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. **Jefferson Park Plan:** Blake Theisen from Parkitecture & Planning gave an overview of the different parts of the current proposed Jefferson Park plan.

General discussion ensued on:

- Current and Future usage of the softball diamonds
- Addition of Volleyball or Pickleball courts in the park
- Fees of facility rentals
- Ability to maintain and grow programming
- Optimization of park space

A determination was made to have the Park Board analyze the following options and make a recommendation to Common Council:

- Upgrade of existing diamond
- Construction of one new diamond with the option to add on a second diamond

Ald. Ropella and Ald. Schmidt left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by T. Grade, seconded by A. Hammond to adjourn at 7:17pm. Motion carried.