

CITY OF MENASHA
Parks and Recreation Board
Smith Park
July 12, 2022
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chr. Dick Sturm at 5:35pm.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chr. Dick Sturm, B. Adesso, Ald. Ted Grade, T. Hale, R. Dowling, T. Marshall

OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Megan Sackett, DDMO Thad Brown, RS Chloe Hansen-Dunn, Officer Dan Hoernke, Resident Sandra Dabill-Taylor, Melanie Kading

C. PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

1. Sandra Dabill-Taylor pointed out the weeds that have taken over at a few public access points (i.e. end of Appleton Street) and asked about boats parking overnight at public tie outs.

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. **Minutes of the June 14, 2022 Park Board Meeting:** Moved by Ald. T. Grade, seconded by T. Hale to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 Park Board meeting.

E. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. **Introduction of Community Liaison Officer Dan Hoernke:** PRD Sackett introduced new Community Liaison Officer Dan Hoernke. Dan indicated he has been with Menasha PD for 11 years and will be transitioning into his new role. Dan gave an overview of the upcoming National Night Out on Wednesday, August 3 which will include demonstrations by officers including K-9, drone, taser, etc. along with Touch-a-Truck and food trucks.
2. **Approve Volunteer Fox Cities Summer Bash at Jefferson Park, August 19, 2022:** Moved by Ald. T. Grade, seconded by R. Dowling to approve the Volunteer Fox Cities Summer Bash on August 19, 2022.
3. **Approve Jazz Fest at Jefferson Park, September 3 & 4, 2022:** Moved by R. Dowling, seconded by T. Hale to approve Jazz Fest for September 3 & 4, 2022.
4. **Smith Park Tour:** Director Sackett and Deputy Director Brown gave a tour of Smith Park and highlighted some of the recent improvements.

F. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD / STAFF

1. **Department Report:** See attached written report.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Resident Melanie Kading discussed her three main concerns with the Bird Scooters: visual pollution, ADA accessibility of sidewalks and sidewalks being used by private entities to profit.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by R. Dowling, seconded by T. Marshall to adjourn at 6:30pm. Motion carried.

Staff Reports from the Parks, Recreation, Forestry & Cemeteries Department

July 2022

Another successful year of CommunityFest goes down in the books! While the weather forced some schedule adjustments on July 4, the rain cleared enough to allow for the fireworks show. Despite the earlier rain causing a delay in the arrival of the crowd, it is estimated that the crowd was similar in size to previous years.

PARKS

Landscaping the trench at Koslo (outside of the ballfield) is complete.

Staff has started working on their park improvement lists. These lists may include visually enhancing certain areas of the parks like trimming brush/trees on fence lines, painting doors or building structures, or adding mulch around trees and playground areas

New Staff: Our new Park Laborer will begin on August 8.

POOL

The pool is in mid-season. The first couple weeks were very busy for us with perfect summer weather. There have been a couple private or group rentals and have two others coming up in July.

The first session of swimming lessons has ended and the next begins on July 11. We have two ongoing private lessons.

Splish Splash Storytime has been a great way for preschool children to enjoy the pool in a safe environment without the splashing of bigger kids. We loved having a special guest from PD and the Menasha Library!



MARINA

Since the beginning of June, on weekends only, there is now a 20 foot span under the a portion of the drawbridge. This is in addition to the 35 ft. channel that is the primary span to use for navigation. This additional channel is very helpful for the smaller boats, pontoons and low profile boats. The clearance under this bridge is about 9 feet. It gives these boats a straight shot out to the channel. In late June, the USACE made adjustments at the dam to balance out operations between Neenah and Menasha. They opened an additional 1.5 gates at Neenah (for a total of 2) and 2 gates were closed in Menasha taking it 2 gates. Since that time, the remaining 2 gates were closed. This makes a considerable difference in the current.

RECREATION

New programs: Skatepark lessons and Rugby are two partnerships new to us this year. We've had a great start to these offerings.

We will be doing our first mini gymnastics camp that is offered in partnership with the MJSD summer school. There are 55 kids enrolled.



Hart Park Summer programming includes "pop up" style activities that are advertised on Facebook a few days prior. Summer kickoff was a Cookout with Cop. Many officers from MPD stopped by and talked with attendees. The Menasha Public Library also attended with a fun penny stamping activity. Hotdogs were served and paid for through donations. We had an

approximate attendance of 45 guests! We've also hosted two tie-dye nights and more programs are currently being scheduled through the end of summer into the fall.

Special Events

Summer events were off to a rocky start with both the Carnival and Splish Splash Bingo original nights being rained out. A string of better weather allowed Wheely Fun where we gave away over 60 bike helmets!

City Carnival was a great time with over 500 people in attendance. Activities included a dunk tank, inflatable obstacle course, face painting, and many games.



We've partnered with the Menasha Library for our Summer Movies in the park. Papa Johns and Jefferson Park Neighborhood Group lemonade stand both made an appearance to provide fundraising efforts for Jefferson Park's new playground. Willy Wonka themed activities were planned and ran by our Park and Rec Staff.

Fall program prep has started. The Fall/Winter guide will be in mailboxes in August.

Upcoming Events

July 13	Whoa H2O at Clovis Grove \$2pre-registration/\$3 day-of
July 17	Family Games at Menasha Pool
July 20	Diving Board Contest at Menasha Pool
July 20	Art in the Park at Smith Park
July 25	Christmas in July at Menasha Pool
July 27	Dive In Movie at Menasha Pool
July 29	Fishing Frenzy at Menasha Pool
August 3	National Night Out at Jefferson Park
August 5	Balls in the Air at the Menasha Pool



The Grunski Runski is August 6 and we are looking for volunteers to assist with this event. Please contact the Rec Dept if you are interested in helping out.

An historical overview of Menasha Pool Pass and Daily Fee Users

JUNE							
	2019		2020	2021		2022	
Type of Pass	Passes Sold (Primary Member)	Membership Usage (Number of Swipes)	Passes Sold (Primary Member)	Passes Sold (Primary Member)	Membership Usage (Number of Swipes)	Passes Sold (Primary Member)	Membership Usage (Number of Swipes)
Adult Ind	9	18	Only M-Passes Sold in 2020 421 Passes Sold 515 Total Members	11	11	13	46
Youth Ind	37	111		20	20	27	112
Senior Ind	31	59		33	33	46	358
Family/2	42	154		26	101	40	316
Family/3	19	124		12	69	26	225
Family/4	18	161		14	150	34	308
Family/5	13	126		12	166	13	234
Family/6+	22	231		9	113	26	413
Ltd Use Adult	3	0		0	0	11	0
Ltd Use Youth / Senior	18	6		19	23	22	17
2020 Carryover visits					180		
Total Pass Uses		990	605		866		2029
Pay Per Visit Usage		3026	n/a		2018		4255
Total Monthly Uses		4016	605		2884		6284