

Wauwatosa Board of Parks and Forestry Commissioners

Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2016

The Wauwatosa Board of Parks and Forestry Commissioners met at Hart Park with the following members present: Comms Berg, Blair, Ertel, Haas, Panella, Pennoyer, and Trotta. Also present were Mayor Ehley; Ald. Wilke; Dave Simpson, Director of Public Works; Tara Blecha, interim crew leader; Dave Jaeckels, Engineering; Tammy Szudy, Planner; Ken Saiki, Saiki Designs; and Sarah White and Scott Freres, Lakota Group.

1. Comm. Ertel called the meeting to order at 7:31 am.
2. Comm. Trotta moved that the meeting minutes of November 15, 2016 be approved; Comm. Pennoyer seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

3. Review report on Parks and Forestry
The Board received the Parks and Forestry report. Ms. Blecha said that the USGS had installed swallow nesting boxes along the river in Hart Park to study water contamination. Mr. Simpson said that he investigated the Channel 58 report on early deterioration of FieldTurf. He reported that Joe Pepitone, the designer from Graef, said that there are areas of concern where the blades are fraying and breaking. Mr. Simpson said that there are 8 months left on the 8-year warranty of the product, enough time to file a claim.
4. Update from Hart Park Friends
There was no report from Hart Park Friends.
5. Update from Tosa Curling Club
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6. Update from Tosa Skateboarders United
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7. Update from Tosa Tonight
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8. Update on 2016 State Street streetscaping project
Mr. Jaeckels said that Phase I was substantially complete, with final completion at the end of January. The first part of Phase II was started, and will continue in spring. The design of Phase III is now underway, including the two village parks. The City has reached consensus with St. Bernard's Parish on the plan for the church property adjacent to the park.

Mr. Saiki presented plans for the Pocket Park, Root Commons, and the small memorial area just north of Root Commons. Mr. Simpson asked about maintenance of the areas, including mowing and snow removal. Mr. Saiki said that the lawn slope is no more than 3:1 and the walks are 60" wide, so there is access for mowers. He opined that plows could be used to clear the ramps and the city could block off the steps in the winter to prevent possible injuries, liability, and concrete damage from salt.

9. Marketing Hart Park
There was no report on marketing.
10. Hart Park Construction
 - A. Locker Room Renovation. Mr. Simpson said that Mr. Pomeranke is working on the bid process.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Presentation by Lakota Group and discussion of Active Tosa Open Space Plan

Ms. White presented a series of strategies to implement the new master plan. There will be one last public meeting in February to educate attendees on findings, concepts, and to gather final input on the plan. It will then return to Parks Board, and the School Board and Common Council for final approval.

In addition, Ms. White will send to the Parks Board a link to Survey Monkey for a short survey to determine priorities, timelines, and responsibilities. Mr. Simpson asked the Board to study the Hart Park plan and submit comments on the survey.
12. Update on plan for concessions for Milwaukee Torrent games

Mr. Simpson said he had met with Tom Hoffer of the Red Raiders Band Boosters and Anthony Brown to discuss the Band Boosters running concession for the Torrent games. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.
13. Update on Hart Park Senior Center

Mayor Ehley said that in 2017, Tosa Rec Dept will take over management of the fee-based classes and volunteers will run the interest-based free classes. This will give the City and the Rec Dept time to develop future plans.
14. Approve Tosa East Band Boosters contract for WIAA concession stand management

This will be discussed at the January meeting.
15. Review monthly bills

The Board reviewed the monthly bills.
16. Agenda Items for next meeting
 - A. Update on plan for concessions for Milwaukee Torrent games
 - B. Approve Tosa East Band Boosters contract for WIAA concession stand management
17. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Parks Board will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at Hart Park at 7:30 am. Comm. Trotta moved to adjourn the meeting; Comm. Berg seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. The meeting ended 9:20 am.

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