

MINUTES

PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY COMMISSION

October 22, 2019, 5:30 PM, Municipal Building Board Room

PRESENT: Fendrick, Webber, Jackson

ABSENT: Shay, Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Dudley, Gorman – Village of Mount Horeb.

Fendrick called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Consider minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting.

Webber moved, Jackson seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider new lane lines for aquatic center

Sarah Larson, Mt Horeb Gators President, was present to discuss replacing the five lane lines for the main pool. She said the current lane lines are very old and are starting to break and crumble. She was wondering who owns them. She received quotes of \$4240 to replace them with 6" floats and \$3400 to replace them with 4" floats. She said the Gators would have to fund raise to come up with the money. Dudley said the Recreation Dept. only uses one lane line for lap swim and swim lessons.

Fendrick said the upcoming contract negotiation with the Gators may be a good time to discuss this type of purchase. Gorman suggested the Village pay for 1/5 of the cost since we use one lane line. Webber said the Village would like to partner with the Gators on the purchase but want to explore some other bids.

Discuss 2019 aquatic center report

Dudley presented the 2019 report. She said attendance was up from 2018. In 2020, she plans to cut staffing a little in concessions and admissions to reduce expenses. The Commission had a brief discussion on pool hours and admission fees. Fendrick suggested sending out a survey to pool patrons to see how the Village could further improve the facility and attendance.

Recreation Director's Report

Dudley reviewed her written report.

Public Services Director's Report

Gorman reviewed his written report.

Consider items for future agendas

Fendrick is concerned about the lack of flat field space for recreation activities throughout the Village. He thinks the Commission should consider putting more emphasis on securing additional field space. Fendrick stated that the Harvest Ridge Subdivision is now on hold and that would have helped add one more playing field. He thought having a public hearing on the subject may be an option. Gorman suggested exploring the option of developing the commercial lots on Commerce Drive adjacent to Sunrise Park since there is a large, flat area there. Webber agreed saying there has not been much other interest in developing those lots and since it would basically involve expanding an existing park, the Village Board may be more receptive to the idea.

Set next meeting date and time

The next meeting was set for November 19, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Adjourn

Webber moved, Jackson seconded to adjourn at 6:20 pm.

Minutes prepared by Jeff Gorman, Public Services Director