

## MINUTES

### PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY COMMISSION

May 26, 2020, 5:30 PM, Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19

**PRESENT:** Fendrick, Webber, Smith

**ABSENT:** Jackson, Shay. Jackson joined the meeting at 6:51pm.

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

**Fendrick called the virtual meeting to order at 5:35 pm.**

**Consider minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting.**

Webber moved, Fendrick seconded to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

**Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan discussion with Vandewalle and Associates**

Ben Rohr from Vandewalle discussed the kickoff meeting with the Commission and reviewed the 6-7 month project timeline for developing and finalizing the plan.

Fendrick pointed out that the 2015 CORP stated that the Village was short on parkland and he wondered what the Village should strive for. Village Planner Slavney said 10 acres of parkland/1000 residents is a good number to aspire to. This would help to accommodate new team sports and activities.

Fendrick felt some key issues the plan should address are a dog park and the aquatic center. Gorman mentioned playground upgrades and Dudley said programming and a pickle ball court should be considered. Gorman gave an update on where discussions left off with the dog park.

Rohr said the public survey produced almost 700 responses which was really great. He will be using the survey results and the Commission's comments to begin drafting the plan.

**Consider replacing the drinking fountain at Grandma Foster Park**

Gorman said the existing water fountain at the park has not been operable in several years and he would like to replace it with a water fountain similar to the ones that were installed at Grundahl Park. He said the water service was recently upgraded by the Mt Horeb Utilities.

Webber moved, Smith seconded to approve replacing the drinking fountain using Park Development Fund dollars. Motion carried.

**Consider replacing the basketball goal at Lion's Park**

Gorman said the existing goal at Lion's Park was the first adjustable goal in the Village installed about 20 years ago. It is currently broken internally and can not be raised or lowered. Gorman would like to replace the goal with one similar to the one that was installed at Grundahl Park last year.

Webber moved, Smith seconded to approve replacing the goal with money from the Park Development Fund. Motion carried.

**Discuss field availability for sports clubs**

Fendrick wanted to be clear on what sports teams should expect when using Village fields. He would like the Village policies to align with the recommendations coming from Public Health Madison Dane County.

**Update on Summer Recreation planning and the Mt Horeb Family Aquatic Center**

Dudley is planning to have most of her summer programming start in July. Some indoor programs may be held outdoors if possible. She can't use any of the school facilities until at least July. Gymnastics has been cancelled. There will be no games for coach pitch baseball or t-ball, only instruction. Dudley has a more detailed plan for the aquatic center and she will use capacity recommendations given by the health department.

**Recreation Director's Report**

Dudley reviewed her report.

**Public Services Director's Report**

Gorman reviewed his written report.

**Consider items for future agendas**

Fendrick said we plan to have further discussions with Vandewalle in July regarding the first draft of the CORP. Gorman said he hasn't heard anything from the community garden group regarding plans for a new sign. Dudley said there is an upcoming meeting with the school district, youth football and the Village to discuss possible locations for the youth football club to practice and play games.

**Set next meeting date and time**

The next meeting was set for June 23, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

**Adjourn**

Webber moved, Smith seconded to adjourn at 7:24 pm.

Minutes prepared by Jeff Gorman, Public Services Director