

MINUTES
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING - ZOOM
Tuesday, January 25, 2022

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board for the City of Monona was called to order by Co-Chair Alder Molly Grupe at 6:36 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Alder Doug Wood, Co-Chair Alder Molly Grupe, Thom Evans, Tony Gomez-Phillips, Jeff Hinz, Jennifer Kahl Pat Howell, Kelly Slack, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson

Absent: Rachel Groman

Approval of the Minutes

Molly Grupe made a motion, seconded by Pat Howell to approve the minutes from December 14th, 2021 meeting. Motion Carried.

Appearances

A. None

Unfinished Business

A. None

New Business

A. Public Input Session #1 – 2021-2025 Parks & Open Space Plan

Director Anderson presented information on marketing efforts to inform residents about the Public Input listening session for this meeting. There was no public input as no appeared on the zoom call. The committee discussed briefly results of the survey and asked about additional input sessions. Anderson indicated he would host a listening session during the week and also next meeting Feb 8th, would be time for public input before discussion/recommendation to City Council for approval. No action was taken at this meeting.

B. Discussion/Recommendation for Serving Beer at Park Events in 2022

Director Anderson presented the anticipated schedule of special events hosted by Parks & Recreation for 2022 and request a recommendation for a permit to include no more than 35 events in which the department could serve beer at. This allows for additional Biergarten/events at Grand Crossing Park and other locations, weather reschedule, or partnership events with other organizations that are still in the planning process. Anderson indicated the recommendation includes a monthly report to the Parks & Recreation Board and City Council on dates of events that would include beer sales.

The committee was supportive of this recommendation.

Pat Howell made a motion seconded by Jennifer Kahl to recommend approving a resolution allowing Parks & Recreation Staff to serve beer at no more than 35 events during the calendar year of 2022 with monthly reports submitted by the Director. Motion carried.

C. Fee Schedule Update for Rental of Grand Crossing Park

Director Anderson presented the option to rent out the green space at Grand Crossing Park for exclusive use for private events. This would be a limited number of events during the summer months and include a reservation fee of at least \$1,000 plus additional permits for temporary structure, amplified sound, and utility marking. The committee had questions on types of events anticipated, and if it would in conjunction with the hotel and businesses on the commercial development, but overall the committee was supportive of moving forward with a formal proposal that defined rules and regulations. Anderson noted he would be meeting with managers at Buck & Honey's and Avid Hotel and bring back a proposal at a future meeting.

Thom Evans made a motion to table this agenda item, Jennifer Kahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

Director's Report & Questions to Staff from Committee

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director

Anderson discussed efforts for tree memorial donations for the creation of a micro-forest at Winnquah Park this Spring in the area near the lagoon island, with several large ash trees having to be removed, this is a great opportunity to plant a mini-forest in our central park. He also reported on tree removal activities at San Damiano, and presented a summary revenue/expense report for the Monona Bank RiverRink for fiscal year 2021.

Updates/Discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Efforts

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Molly Grupe seconded by Tony Gomez-Phillips was carried at 7:41 pm.