

Park Board Committee
Meeting 12/21/21
Minutes

- 1) 6:42 call to order by Chair Cindy Feuredi
- 2) In attendance: Chair Cindy Feuredi, Brian Olsen, Peg Esposito, Alderperson Mary Jo Fesenmaier and Mayor Charlene Klein.
No staff present
Jim Strauss of Geneva Shore Report in audience
- 3) Approval of minutes from Oct 19, 2021
Feuredi / Klein motion
Approved unanimously
- 4) Call for comments from public
None
- 5) Discussion regarding Veterans Park / Neighborhood Investment Grant
No news to report
- 6) Dan Pether presentation on Mountain Bike Trail Development
Treadhead Cycling Club, a 501c Non Profit, is interested in developing 7 to 10 miles of professionally designed mountain bike trails in Lake Geneva's park area behind housing development at top of Center Street. Plan would be to eventually link to Grand Geneva / White River trail to east and Zip Line trails to west.
Trail would need parking area/pavilion with bikers' equipment (tire pump, tools, etc frequently found on trails), pit toilet, signage.
Project would cost between \$300,000 - \$400,000. Treadhead has a donor for 1/2 of the cost, would look for grants and donations for remaining funds. City would be needed to maintain parking surface, pavilion, facilities, signage.
Dan agreed to talk to Dave Nord and Attorney Draper regarding access to this property. This area has been looked at previously and there may be restrictions on access and area available for paving. No motion was made. Recommendations were to look at restrictions on land use.
- 7) Discussion regarding bridge over White River in Disc Golf Course
Public Works Department is still researching which area, bridge 3 or 5, is to be developed. There should be more information after their meeting on December 28.
No motion or recommendations made.
- 8) Discussion regarding YMCA Contract
Chair Feuredi stated that this contract has been renewed by city with no changes. Alderman Fesenmaier would like to have copy of contract in Park Board packet to view before signing off on it. Mayor Klein is to check on approval status.
No motion made. Recommendation is to find contract and provide to Board.

- 9) Discussion/recommendation regarding Dave Volk Signs
Chair Feuredi would like to start with using these signs on the disc golf course while looking at future signage throughout park system with this company. Other signs may be for trees, avian information, maybe more.
Signs are created at no charge to city, with advertising from local businesses on signs. Dave Volk Sign Company would solicit advertising, create signs from information provided by Park Commission on order form developed. City to install provided signs.
Feuredi/Olsen Motion to approve and send to FLR, carried 3-2.
- 10) Discussion/recommendation of more park benches.
Chair Feuredi has received a note requesting more benches along lakefront, in Library Park. She would like Board to develop a plan for beautification funds/grants to increase sitting options. Placement of benches is an issue; Public Works may have a plan for future locations.
No motion made. Recommendation is to find existing map of bench locations, research by board of possible funding for new benches.
- 11) Discussion/recommendation of map for Mary Koutsky Four Seasons Nature Preserve
Chair Feuredi would like to create a GPS map, printed at Copies Plus for about \$150 of park trails. Map would be installed in large signage stand at front of property. Feuredi will talk to Dave Nord regarding funding; could perhaps be from Tourism.
Discussion moved to whether or not the renaming of the park to honor Mary Koutsky had been approved. This has not yet gone to the Council.
No motion made; staff needs to move items previously approved.
- 12) Playground Equipment Audit
Member Peggy Schneider not present, no report yet. This will be on next agenda.
- 13) Discussion of City Website display of Parks
City has been improving the website information on our parks. Amanda Johns is doing an update by listing parks, locations and the facilities at each park.
Alderman Fesenmaier noted that FLR approved some funding for the parks with the updates coming to the city website.
QR Codes are recommended to be used on signage in town to lead back to website, maybe with informative and entertaining videos on history or landscape at the parks.
Recommendation is to work closely with Vanessa on adding content, and to keep looking for opportunities to add content.
- 14) Schedule of next meeting to be January 18 at 6:30pm.
Because we did not have high member participation at this meeting, the discussion of the Five Year Plan has been moved to another, separate work session meeting is to be held on February 22 at 6:30pm. The public will be encouraged to attend or provide comments before that meeting.
- 15) Feuredi/Olsen move to adjourn at 7:30 approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Peg Esposito, not intended to be exact quotations of comments made.