

Park Board Minutes Tuesday June 20, 2023

Committee Members: Cindy Feuredi, Brian Olsen, David Quickel, Barbara Philipps, Peggy Schneider, Ann Esarco, Denise Wendell, Alderperson Linda Frame and Mayor Charlene Klein

City of Lake Geneva Park Board of Park Commissioner met on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:30 Pm at Lake Geneva City Hall Council Chambers (Main Level)

President Cindy Feuredi called meeting to order. Roll call was made by Barbara Philipps, Secretary. All were present except for Brian Olsen and Ann Esarco.

Comments from the public:

Peg Esposito of 124 Darwin Street in Lake Geneva requested that the Tree Board doesn't have to report to the Park Board and Tom Laskowski of 628 Dodge Street 7 spoke.

There was approval of April 18, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting minutes as prepared and distributed.

There was a report from Public Works.

Mayor Charlene Klein discussed Municipal Code Revisions. There was a discussion regarding Never Say Never Inclusive Playground Information.

There was discussion regarding establishing a Monarch Butterfly Garden. Rotary Club and Library are on board.

The discussion about Finley's Dog Swimming area brick was moved to continue.

The length of the YMCA contract has been extended for 2 years

Other items that were voted to continue were the Dragon Days Festival, Gyax Memorial, Gyax Memorial designated area and Park Rental Fees Review

Next meeting will be July 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Rotary Club of Lake Geneva

Monarch Habitat Butterfly Garden

The Lake Geneva Rotary Club is proposing to create (and maintain) a Monarch Habitat Garden in an effort to participate in the many initiatives to "save our monarchs". The project would be funded with a grant from Rotary District 6270 and matching funds from a community organization. We are committed to this project as a way to meet one of Rotary International's areas of service, **protecting the environment**, and also as an educational initiative for our community. Some components, in addition to appropriate plantings to attract and nurture Monarchs and other butterflies, include an educational sign like the Purple Martin signs placed along the lake path, and an adjacent small Children's Garden that the Youth Librarian will use, and maintain, for programs.

We are hoping to place this Garden behind the Library, on the west side of the building. There's a small area (about 10 x 10) that would be perfect and not create a disruption for mowing. As was mentioned, this would be a "hands on" Rotary project including the development and maintenance of the Garden.

We will be working with other agencies to "get it right": Geneva Lake Conservancy, U of W Extension Service, Northwind Perennial Farm, and of course the Lake Geneva Public Library and Public Works Department.

We hope that the Park Board will be supportive of this project and encourage us to move forward.

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