

April 16, 2024

City of Lake Geneva Board of Park Commissioners Minutes

1. Call to Order at 6:31 pm

2. Roll Call

Mayor - absent
Cindy Forster Feuredi - present
Alderperson Linda Frame - present
Ann Esarco - absent
Julie Mulligan - present
Denise Wendell - present
Peggy Schneider - present
David Quickel - present
Rachel Allen - resigned
Park Superintendent Sam Ingo - present

3. Comments from the Public

Mary Jo Fesenmeier - Requested that dogs on leash time be placed on next month's agenda. Requested that the Agreement with the YMCA needs to be approved and sent to the city council.

Jim Gaugert – Stated it was disturbing what he heard or read about the Agreement with the Y. The Rec program has run well and efficiently. The Y has a system for dealing with weather/ tornados. Who will operate these programs?

Mike Kramp – CEO of the YMCA, wanted to discuss the agreement. The city and Y have had a partnership since 1972. He requested \$61,000 to run the programs. It is April and teams have been practicing. Questioned the charge of \$35,000 to repair the Lion's Den. Has worked with the city's Tourism Committee to get the fields up and going.

Ann Fulmer – Senior Marketing Director stated the YMCA is here for the community. The Y has the infrastructure in place to deal with any potential problem. They have implemented "Data and Deals", an example is a deal at the Zip Line is shared with guests who participate in tournaments

Cathy Stoodley – Reported that the Y provides financial assistance. The Y does not profit from the fees from the city. Questions penalizing the Y for the Lion's Den. The concession stand has been underutilized.

Chad Bittner – Shared that his daughter loves softball due to the Y, not the city. The fields were not safe, and the Tourism Committee fixed the fields. It's the city's responsibility to take care of the fields, not the Y. Provide \$61,800 to the Y to run the programs. We need to thank the Lion's Club for taking care of the Lion's Den.

4. Approval of the March 19, 2024 meeting minutes

Motion to approve: Cindy Forster Fueredi

Seconded by Denise Wendell

Motion carried

5. YMCA Quarterly Update from Mike Coolidge

See Handout titled "Board of Park Commissioners Meeting"

Cindy asked if the YMCA takes care of the fields during the summer? Mike Coolidge replied "yes".

6. Discussion/ Recommendation regarding an agreement with the Geneva Lakes YMCA for the programming and use of Veteran's Park

A robust discussion took place.

Dave Q shared the history of the relationship between the city and the YMCA.

Sam stated the staff (Sam, Tom Earle, Dave Nord, and Comptroller) review the agreement and then send it to the Park Board.

Cindy recommended that this issue come back up for discussion.

Linda stated that we need to evaluate how we're going to proceed forward. We are the landlords of Vet's Park and we should be doing the repairs. The Y took care of it in good faith.

Linda made a motion to make the 2024 Programing Agreement identical to the 2023 Programming Agreement.

Seconded by Dave

Roll call vote: Cindy Forster Feuredi - no

Alderperson Linda Frame - yes

Julie Mulligan - abstain

Denise Wendell - abstain

Peggy Schneider - yes

David Quickel – yes

Motion carried will go to FLR

7. White River Rippers Presentation- Dan Ryan

Shared that there is damage to some of the baskets and signage. Requested permission to work with sponsors to add improvements to area, picnic benches and port-a-potties.

8. Park Superintendent Update

See Handout titled "Park Operations & Programming Update March 2024"

All the posts have been installed today and they will attach the signs soon.

Chains have not been removed yet. Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee would like a grand opening in May.

9. Discussion and evaluation of Pavilion Rentals

We don't rent out the pavilion at Rushwood.

A new water fountain (bottle filler) will be installed at Rushwood.

10. Next Meeting Date and Time

May 21, 2024 @ 6:30pm

11. Adjournment

Motion by Cindy at 8:10pm

Seconded by Linda