

Board of Park Commissioners Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

City Hall, Meeting Room 2A

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by President Adam St. Marie at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Adam St. Marie, David Quickel, Peggy Schneider, Dana Furlo, Alderperson Cindy Yager
Absent: Julie Mulligan, Craig Lambrecht, Ann Esarco (resigned), Mayor Todd Krause
3. **Officer Election:** Secretary: Peggy Schneider offered to fill the position. Motion by Adam St. Marie for Peggy Schneider to be Secretary 2nd by David Quickel; Approved unanimously
4. **Comments from the Public:** No comments
5. **Discussion of Avian Committee:** Update provided by Alderperson Cindy Yager. The Committee is working on the Bird City Application. There is a new President at Bird City USA so the process has been different.
6. **Discussion of Tree Board:** Update provided by Peggy Schneider. A discussion took place about better collaboration with Tree Board about tree placements.
7. **Approval of Park Board Minutes from November 19, 2024**
Motion to approve by Adam St. Marie
2nd by Dana Furlo; Approved unanimously
8. **Discussion/ Recommendation regarding approval of bid for Basketball and Tennis Court Resurfacing:** Bridget Barry from Kapur was present to answer questions about the Bid's for repair and resurfacing of the tennis courts at Maple and Dunn Parks, and the basketball court at Vet's Park. Discussed the costs and what was being repaired. Adam requested that pickleball lines be different colors than tennis court lines. All surfaces will be green, with white lines for tennis and yellow lines for pickleball. Hoping for project completion before Memorial Day. Additional discussion about equipment, nets, and bang boards. Should Lake Geneva have more pickleball courts? Perhaps we should explore obtaining data about how much our parks are being used to guide how money is allocated for repairs in the future.
Recommendation to approve Cicchini Bid
Motion to approve by Adam St. Marie
2nd by Dana Furlo; Approved unanimously
9. **Discussion/ Recommendation regarding Veteran's Park Playground**
 - a. **Alternative Location Suggestion:** Discussed possibly moving the playground footprint toward the back parking lot near the bathrooms

- b. **Theme Ratio:** Discussed keeping a theme to a minimum
 - c. **Types of Equipment:** Discussed using traditional playground equipment versus unique pieces of equipment. Discussed if exercise and fitness equipment should be included
 - d. **Company Reviews:** Kompan and Lee Recreation
 - e. **Equipment for Age Group: 2-5 Years:** Discussed having a smaller footprint for 2–5-year-olds
 - f. **Accessibility vs Inclusion Ratio:** Discussed equipment should be accessible to promote inclusion
 - g. **Surfacing Costs and Requirements:** Poured in Place rubber surface is about \$40/ square foot. Other options include Turf surface which is also ADA compliant.
- 10. Update on Parks Director Position:** Update provided by Alderperson Cindy Yager. The process will include a draft of the position (consolidated recommendations) will be sent to committee chairs. Their comments will be reassessed/ added/ consolidated to create the final job description. The city is focusing on filling the City Administrator's position, then the Building and Zoning, and then hopefully the Parks Director position.
- 11. Discussion/ Recommendation regarding adding a Special Meeting on February 4, 2025:** Special meeting would allow Kompan and Burke to give a presentation on their ideas for Vet's Park playground.
Motion to approve: Adam St. Marie
2nd by Dana Furlo; Approved unanimously
- 12. Adjournment:**
Motion to adjourn: Adam St. Marie
2nd by Dana Furlo

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider