

MINUTES

- (1) CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Carlson at 6:35 pm. New student member Grace Tuomala was introduced to members.
- (2) ROLL CALL:
Members Present: Jon Carlson, Jeanette June, Judy Iverson, Larry Schulz, Amber Huttner, Mary Larson, Christian Pederson, Grace Tuomala
Members Absent: Kevin Roberts,
City Council Liaison: Tom Gregory (absent)
Staff: Park and Recreation/Public Works Director Ann Mahnke
Others:
- (3) APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF July 15, 2019.
Motion by Iverson and second by Schulz to approve the minutes as presented.
Motion carried 7– 0.
- (4) PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, SUGGESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS
A. Mahnke reported the Committee Member Tereasa Gregory has resigned due to her work-schedule. Chair Carlson and members thanked her for her service.
- (5) OLD BUSINESS
A. Wassermann Lake Park - Update on the selection of the Design and Construction
Mahnke provided an update on the selection of the firm for design and construction services. Twelve firms submitted proposals and three firms were selected for interviews. City and District staff were unanimous in the selection of AFLA based on the established criteria. Because the MCWD is the lead on the project, they will be providing final approval of the firm and signing the contract. Mahnke indicated that the proposal will be sent to members separately once final approval has been completed. The City Council was presented this information at the August 12th meeting. Pederson asked about the firm and what made them stand out. Mahnke indicated that the work they have done, especially in Dakota County stood out and the ability to meet a tight schedule were factors. Carlson asked about opportunities for input. Mahnke stated that there is a community meeting included in the process and there will be check-in points with the Committee and City Council. Larson asked about the project or parks they have done and if there is an opportunity to visit. Mahnke stated that they have several references in their proposal that members can check out. Carlson asked about a ground-breaking ceremony and Mahnke assured members that there would be one.
- (6) NEW BUSINESS
A. Community Garden and Garden Club Update
Huttner, June and Larson have been working on projects including the bandstand, Recreation Center and planters on Victoria Drive. They attended a VBA meeting to discuss opportunities for more projects like the grass circle on Stieger and Victoria Drive. Hartman Tree Farm donated \$100 for planting material and they are seeking

other donations. They will be visiting Cologne for a garden tour this week and hope to visit other communities to gather ideas.

(7) OTHER BUSINESS

- A. News Articles Related to Parks and Recreation
- B. Next Meeting Date – Monday, September 16, 2019
- C. Mahnke reported on the trial trail wayfinding project and the goal is to have signage up by August and surveys done in September and October.

- (8) ADJOURNMENT – A motion by Schulz and second by Huttner adjourn at 7:05 pm
Motion carried 7 – 0.

Park Tour Immediately Followed Regular Agenda – Members visited the following parks.

1. Madelyn Creek Park (Park Completed in 2019)
2. Swiss Mountain Park (Replacement in 2020)
3. Katy Hills Park (Replacement in 2019)
4. Bavaria Trail Corridor