

PARK BOARD MEETING FOR THE CITY OF WAITE PARK

The Waite Park - Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Waite Park City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bowden.

Park Board Members Present: Jeanne Lodermeier, John Bowden, Janice Rein, Wayne Lenzmeier

Park Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Bill Schluenz - Public Works Director, Lorraine Russell - Volunteer Coordinator and Landscape Consultant

Approval of the Agenda: Member Rein made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Bowden and passed unanimously by those present.

Approval of the Minutes: Member Lenzmeier made a motion to approve the minutes of Oct. 3, 2018. The motion was seconded by Member Lodermeier and passed unanimously by those present.

Election (Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary)

Member Lodermeier nominated Member Bowden for Chair, seconded by Member Rein. Passed unanimously.

Member Bowden nominated Member Lodermeier for Deputy Chair. Member Lenzmeier seconded. Passed unanimously.

Member Lodermeier nominated Member Rein as Secretary. Member Bowden seconded. Passed unanimously.

Appreciation to Ken Schmitt

Director Schluenz presented Ken Schmitt with a plaque and appreciation for his 17 years of service on the Park Board since its beginning on May 16, 2008. The Park Board extended its thanks.

Grants

Member Bowden reported he is working on the \$58,000.00 grant to extend the Glacier Lakes Trail along 13th Ave.

Amp

Bids are now out for the building. A pre-bid meeting was held and possibly 8 contractors will be bidding. Bids will be awarded on Mar. 11, 2019, following a work meeting on March 4. Timing is close to that planned.

River's Edge Ballfields

Director Schluenz reported that the work on the ballfields is currently behind the planned timing, but the ballfields will be ready for spring play.

River's Edge Maintenance Building - Restrooms

The maintenance building - restrooms is being finished. The design was somewhat altered before construction. Member Lodermeier said that she liked both it and the new Community Park Restroom design.

13th Ave. Restrooms

In progress and will be finished before Spass Tag.

Disc Golf

An Eagle Scout is doing the boxes for Disc Golf and will install them in May. More of the holes have been redesigned with the first tee by the flagpoles. Clean cutting is being done in the woods to allow for holes. There will be a place for posting the rules.

Landscaped Coordinator

Coordinator Russell presented a pictorial review of the year's work by the volunteers in the gardens. She also said that the planter watering procedure needs improvement for the hanging planters. We currently have around 25 volunteers as well as several businesses that assist.

The rock garden still needs stairs and a handicap ramp as people are still running through the garden stepping on plants and disrupting the drip lines. Also, we still have a weed problem.

Park Updates

Thanks was extended to the volunteers and to Coordinator Russell. Director Schluenz reported that the upstairs room in the old maintenance building has grow-lights and plants that are being kept over from last summer. He said that Coordinator Russell also has the beginnings of a gardening library and office there.

Planter Boxes

The raised garden boxes built by an Eagle Scout are ready to be distributed. Coordinator Russell reported that Kathy Zwick (with the ACT Team) has asked for boxes to be used for gardening training at their new offices near the Healthy Living Trail. Member Lodermeier volunteered to see if Sterling Park would like some boxes.

Budget

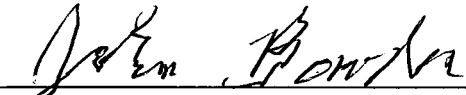
Director Schluenz reported that the budget will provide new nets for the ball fields this summer.

Other Business

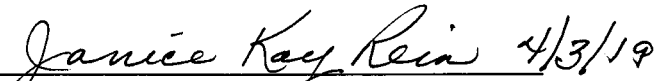
There will be a change in the Park Board logistics. A 2-minute forum at the beginning at 6:30 P.M. will provide for any guest who wishes to speak to the Board.

Next Meeting: April 3, 2019

Member Lenzmeier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. The motion was seconded by Member Lodermeier and passed unanimously.



John Bowden, Chair



Janice Rein, Secretary