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CITY OF WAUSAU – PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: October 7th, 2013 at 5:55pm Location: City Hall (407 Grant Street) – Board Room
Members Present: Jim Brezinski, Gary Gisselman, Robert Mielke, David Nutting, David Oberbeck (c)
Others Present: Bill Duncanson–Director, Mary Anne Groat – Finance Director, Pat Peckham – City Pages, Judith Miller, Anders Tietz

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. It was noted that there was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Oberbeck at 5:55pm.

Approval of Minutes – **Motion** by Mielke, second by Nutting to approve the Park and Recreation Committee September 3rd, 2013 draft minutes and the Joint Finance/Park and Recreation/Economic Development Committees September 24, 2013. Motion **carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.

Radtke Point Park – Discussion and Possible Action on Lease Agreement with Schofield and Erosion Control Project - Discussion on where funds for the project would come from.

Park Gift Fund – Report and Possible Action on the Current Status of the Park Gift Fund – Duncanson explained that over the years individuals and organizations have donated funds or collaborated with the City to raise funds for a variety of reasons. Monies have been given or raised for specific programs or services and in many instances the funds are provided for general park and recreation purposes. These accounts are not part of the regular budgets or operational reports. Along with the Finance Department, staff has reviewed the accounts and has identified opportunities to consolidate and/or utilize some of them. Duncanson discussed each fund and its amount in detail and proposals on how the monies would be used. Groat said the two concerns the Finance Department had was the fund not showing up in the regular budget for people to refer to and also as a donor a person expects the money they give will be used.

The designated and undesignated donations were discussed. Duncanson said there are donations that come from service organizations or activities from the department that are used to offset the cost of swimming pool passes or swimming lessons for disadvantaged individuals. Duncanson explained that part of the fund is used as a holding account on an annual basis until the money is distributed through scholarship requests. The money goes in and out of that account on a fairly regular basis usually within a year.

Oberbeck thought it would be a good idea to designate some funds that people could donate to. It was thought that this would work well on the website. **Motion** by Brezinski, second by Mielke to accept the recommendation of staff in terms of consolidating funds and come back with that final product and report back on a quarterly basis. Vote **carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.

Groat left the meeting at 6:30pm

Paff Woods Nature Preserve – Discussion and Possible Action on Enhancing Safety Through the Provision of Facility Maps – Oberbeck wanted to look into the possibility of putting up some trail signs or trail map so people could understand the Paff Woods Nature Preserve area. Judith Miller felt it is a very isolated and wooded area and referred to a recent attack that had happened there. She also would like more of a police presence in that area. Duncanson said he had asked if the police could fill out their

reports there at times. Oberbeck felt that people need to be aware when they are in isolated areas. He felt signage would be something that would help or something like distance markers. Gisselman felt other areas could be looked into as well such as Sylvan Hill woods, Barker Stewart Island and the Eau Claire River Conservancy. Duncanson said the department can provide more base information to people. **Motion** by Brezinski, second by Nutting to direct staff to explore the possibility of appropriate signage and report back to the Committee. Motion **carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.

Mielke left the meeting at 6:45pm.

Invasive Species – Report on Invasive Species Management Through Partnership with Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. - Duncanson said staff has been working with Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. to help with invasive species work at the Oak and Fern Island area. The department is continuing to expand partnerships with people that have a variety of resources to help keep up with invasive species because it cannot do it on its own but it may be a losing battle.

Future Agenda Items – requested updates from staff, airport lease, fourth pool

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, November 4th, 2013 at 5:00pm

Adjourn - **Motion** by Nutting, second by Brezinski to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 4-0.