



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, June 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm with the following park board members in attendance:

John Semrau, Chris Allen, Tim Manns, Kevin Loy, Mark Dobie, Liz McNett Crowl, and Elizabeth Detillion. Also Present, Staff Member Brian Adams and Planning and Development employee Betsy Stevenson

No additions were made to the agenda. The May minutes were passed unanimously.

There were no additional matters raised by the public, beyond issues already on the agenda.

Board Discussion

Shoreline Plan Update: Betsy Stevenson reported on the status of the shoreline update. The goal is to simplify and integrate plans so that policies and objectives align. Shoreline armoring is going to get more difficult unless its "soft armoring" which will be encouraged. Mark brought up a state law in Wisconsin that mandates 30' of public access for every 1000' of private property. If public property is made available it alleviates pressure on the private property, promoting property rights for landholders and allowing for equal access rights for the public. Betsy stated the process is still months away from completion. There will be plenty of opportunity to weigh in. Her recommendation is to stay engaged.

NSRA: The board conversed about their position on the proposed NSRA transfer. In an attempt to be proactive, Tim Manns volunteered to write a letter stating the board's position on a potential transfer. He'll have this ready for review one week prior to the July parks advisory board meeting.

Parks Projects: The budget call is in July and projects will need to be prioritized. It's a staff goal to continue finishing the Playfield projects. Fencing for field 1 will be priority. Maintenance projects at Swinomish are also needed. The NSRA Fruitloop Trail and Centennial Trail will be attended to.

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Adjourn

Next Meeting: July 17, 2014