



**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**  
**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22, 2020 AT 6:30PM**  
**CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2AL**  
**MINUTES**

President Esarco called the meeting to order 6:39 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: President Esarco, Mayor Hartz, Alderman Straube, Peggy Schneider, Meaghan Madden-Van Dyke, Obdulia Alvarez, Barbara Philipps, Obdulia Alvarez

Absent: Brian Olsen, Dave Quickel

Also in attendance: Alderman Proksa, Charlene Klein, MaryJo Fesenmaier, Maggie Smith

**Comments from the public:**

Maggie Smith from the SC Wave Soccer Organization – Ms. Smith reported that they will be applying to use Veterans Park for a period of 15 weeks; weekdays only starting around the end of April. They would like to pay a \$1,500 fee for the 15 weeks. The SC Wave is comprised of boys and girls in high school players.

Ms. Klein asked if the Commission followed up with Trish Schaefer regarding her concerns about her memorial brick and tree.

**Approval of Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from December 19, 2019 Meeting**

Motion by Philipps and second by Straube to approve the Minutes

The motion passed unanimously

**Acceptance of Board of Park Commissions Funds/Impact Fees Reports**

Motion by Hartz and second by Philipps to accept the Funds/Impact Fee Reports.

The motion passed unanimously

**Recurring Business**

Review of parks events calendar – reviewed calendar

Review of YMCA activity at Veterans Park – as it is the off season, no report

Update on conditions of parks from city staff or park board members – no city staff were present so there was no staff report. Philipps spoke about repairs needed to dog park.

Motion by Philipps and second by Schneider to explore repairing the fence and planting natural plantings around the outside of the park.

The motion passed unanimously

As part of the update on the parks,– President Esarco reported on the Schedule for Avian Committee activities in the parks: February there would be a bird count, March they were promoting conservation at home, May there is a bird walk and World Migratory Bird Day, June the Purple Martin bird houses are installed, and in September is the ever

popular Swift night out at the Geneva Lake Museum. Additionally, the very busy and active Avian Committee scheduled a visit to John Mariani's property in Burlington in May to view native plantings. <https://www.johnmariani.com/>

Hartz reported on the progress of the TAP Grant application to improve bike paths.

### **New Business**

Aldermanic Request (none for this month) –

Park Fees specific to series of games/leagues –

A committee of Straube, Alvarez, Hartz will explore setting fees that will encourage outdoor activities. Ms. Smith reported that the SC Wave had almost 100 players. The Commission was excited to hear that there will be active use of the park.

### **Business Carried Forward**

Advertisement boards at Veterans Park -

Madden-Van Dyke moved and Straube seconded that the Commission explore appropriate advertising at Veterans Park. Discussion followed about pricing, sizes, where funds go, appropriateness of advertising, other communities who allow advertising  
The motion passed unanimously

Native Plantings -

Philipps moved and Madden-Van Dyke seconded that the Commission explore native plantings in the Lake Geneva parks. We will work with Avian Committee to coordinate projects.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Future meeting agenda items**

Park fees

Advertising at Vets Park

Native Plantings

Charity runs

### **Adjourn –**

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Madden-Van Dyke to adjourn

The motion passed unanimously at 7:32 pm

Next meeting date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 @ 6:30pm