

Park-Rec/Tourism/City Properties/Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 5, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers
City Hall 42 North Main Street, Fountain City, WI

Present: Committee members Christine Williamson, Ryan Ligman and Stephen Qualy; Mayor Ben Adank.
Citizen Present: Jeff Mastin, Travis Williamson, Terry Duellman, Chris Todd, Bruce Hentges, Aaron Sackreiter

1. Call to Order
 - *Called to order at 5:30 pm by Christine Williamson.*
2. Roll Call
 - *All present*
3. Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2024 Park/Rec Committee Meeting
 - *Reviewed minutes from the Park-Rec-Cemetery committee on July 22, 2024. **Motion/second (Ryan/Stephen) to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.***
4. Discussion and possible action:
 - a. Upper Boat Launch – Request to ReOpen
 - *Terry Duellman requested the upper boat launch be reopened. He agreed to help with maintenance of underpass of trestle bridge and installing and removal of new city boat docks if launch was reopened. Committee members and Citizens present have a mutual acknowledgement and agreement that there is potential riverfront development that may take place in the future and we will readdress the possibility of needing to close the launch at that time. Stephen will follow up with a contact that he has at the rail road to inquire whose property the boat launch is on. **Motion/second (Stephen/Ryan) to recommend to council at the September meeting that the upper boat launch be reopened. Motion Carried.***
 - b. Overnight Parking on City Boat Docks
 - *Discussion was on the potential risks/liability of allowing overnight parking along with any fees that could possibly be collected and lack of police enforcement at this time. Committee needs to gather more data at this time. We will have Gil Adams, Public Works Supervisor, continue to gather more data on inquires. But he will inform people requesting to do so that there is no current ordinance stating they are not allowed to overnight park their boats. **No action taken at this time.***
 - c. Removal of Kitch Area – Downstairs Auditorium
 - *Committee agreed to allow the removal of the kitchen sink and replacement of a smaller sink to be installed located downstairs in the auditorium free of charge for the exchange of the old sink. Gil will give direction/guidance if needed. **Motion/second (Ryan/Stephen) to approve the removal of the current kitchen sink and replace with small unit. Motion Carried.***
 - d. Cemetery Plot
 - *Christine was asked by Jess Veraguth to help with a family plot that is owned by Theodore & Kristin Veraguth, who has since deceased and there is no remaining heirs. There are multiple open plots that they would like to purchase to be buried by the Veraguth family. Mayor Adank will consult with Attorney Terry Madden for guidance. **No action taken at this time.***
 - e. Cemetery Mowing Contract & Budget
 - *Committee reviewed where we currently were at the moving budget due to early start of the mowing season. After August mowings were completed, we have spent \$18,371 of the \$19,980 budget. Discussion of possible robot mowers for the cemetery was explored. Ryan and Ben will do some research, to consider possible savings. **No action taken at this time.***

f. City Flower Pot Project

- *Christine is still trying to make contact with the newly hired Ag Teacher/FFA Advisor, Chris Ritscher. To see if there are any students that would like to help with volunteering. Stephen reached out to Ted Wilson with the Boy Scouts Troop 110. There are no scouts that live within the city limits that are close by to help out. Committee will continue to look for options to keep the Adopt-A-Planter Project a viable project. **No action taken at this time.***

5. Adjourn

- *Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm. **Motion/second (Christine/Stephen) to approve to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried***