

## CITY OF VERONA

### MINUTES

### PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by acting chairperson Heather Reekie at 7:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Heather Reekie, Brad Stiner, Mark Giesfeldt. Excused: Paul Schmidt, Jon Turke. Also present: Dave Walker, Parks Director; Casey Dudley, Recreation Director.
3. Moved by Giesfeldt, seconded by Stiner, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting of the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission. Motion carried 3-0.
4. The Park Commission discussed ideas for a potential Recreation Center site. Casey Dudley has often brought up the need for a Rec center to continue expanding programming and considering the recent interest in constructing an aquatic center, he asked that the City look at available options. The recently completed Fireman's Park Master Plan had identified lands adjacent to the park as a potential site although floodplain issues limited the buildable area for this option. Another option discussed was possibly repurposing an existing City facility, provided it was not cost prohibitive and would function well as a recreation facility. The Commission asked that Casey continue to explore options and present information at future meetings.
5. The Commission considered a proposal from MSA to conduct a phase 2 aquatic center study. The study would look at programming and space needs for a facility and then develop some site plans and construction estimates once an appropriate site was selected. After much debate it was decided that the potential high school site was still the best available location for an aquatic center but until the April referendum results were known the viability of the site was in question. Carter Arendt from MSA was at the meeting to answer questions and did not think awaiting the referendum results would be a setback to the overall goal of designing and bidding a facility for construction in 2018. The projected cost of the phase 2 study was \$33,000.
6. Moved by Giesfeldt, seconded by Stiner, to table the phase 2 aquatic center study as presented by MSA in the amount of \$33,000. Motion carried 3-0.
7. The Commission considered a proposal from MSA for design and construction related services for the Cathedral Point Park shelter and parking lot in the amount of \$48,000. The project would include the shelter design and preparation of plans, civil engineering for the site layout, preparation and distribution of bidding documents, and limited construction supervision. The timeline for completion would be bidding and construction to begin late summer 2017 with completion by mid-spring 2018.

8. Moved by Giesfeldt, seconded by Reekie, to approve the MSA proposal for construction related services for the Cathedral Point Park shelter in the amount of \$48,000. Motion carried 3-0.
9. Moved by Stiner, seconded by Giesfeldt, to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Time 8:30 p.m.

Heather Reekie  
Acting Chairperson