

CITY OF VERONA

MINUTES

PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Derek Johnson at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Derek Johnson, Paul Schmidt, Brad Stiner, Mark Giesfeld. Excused: Heather Reekie. Also present: Dave Walker, Parks Director; Casey Dudley, Recreation Director; Jeff Mikorski, City Administrator.
3. Moved by Stiner, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 meeting of the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Dave Walker updated the Commission on the status of the Fireman's Park project. The Common Council approved a contract with MSA for design and construction services in the amount of \$297,000 at their March 12 meeting. The approval meant that the Common Council intended to move forward with implementing the master plan for the park in 2018. The Commission was pleased with the news and was eager to begin the design phase in April and May.
5. The Commission considered a Professional Service Agreement with MSA to compile a DNR Stewardship Grant application for certain portions of the Fireman's Park project. Based on a preliminary review parts of the project appeared to score well and have a good chance at a grant award. This cost of the agreement, \$5,000, was in addition to the design and construction contract awarded at an earlier meeting.
6. Moved by Giesfeldt, seconded by Schmidt, to approve a Professional Service Agreement with MSA to compile a DNR Stewardship Grant application for the Fireman's Park project at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried 4-0.
7. The Commission considered a request from the Verona Garden Club to install edible gardens at a few locations within the parks. The gardens would be raised beds planted with various vegetables that would be free to the public. The intention of the plots was to be educational and demonstrate how easily growing your own food can be. The Club also agreed to install and maintain the beds. Two of the sites proposed were Central Park and along Paoli Street at Fireman's Park. The Commission had no issues with the proposal provided the plots were well kept and did not become unsightly.
8. The Commission considered two options for replacement of the playground structure at Community Park. The two structures were both on sale at 30% off list price and within the approved budget of \$35,000. They were both manufactured by Game Time, the same company that provided the existing play structure at the park..

9. Moved by Stiner, seconded by Giesfeldt, to approve the “Twilight” play structure proposal from Game Time for Community Park in the amount of \$31,100. Motion carried 4-0.
10. The Commission considered two nominees for the Verona Baseball Hall of Fame, Ron Krohn and Marty Hruska. Ron was a long time member of the Dugout Club and was also heavily involved in both the High School and Home Talent programs. Marty Hruska was a founding member of the Verona Athletic Commission and his efforts were pivotal in funding several of the field improvements at Community Park. The Commission felt both men were very deserving of the honor and approved both nominees.
11. Moved by Stiner, seconded by Giesfeldt, to approve the nominations of Ron Krohn and Marty Hruska to the Verona Baseball Hall of Fame. Motion carried 4-0.
12. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Giesfeldt to approve a special event request for the Triterium Triathalon at Fireman’s Park on Saturday, June 23rd. Motion carried 4-0.
13. The Commission discussed an alternate meeting date for April since the chairman was scheduled to be out of town. It was decided that Monday, April 16th would work for everyone in attendance.
14. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Giesfeldt, to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Time 7:47 p.m.

Derek Johnson
Chairperson