

CITY OF VERONA

MINUTES

PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022

1. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Tyler Powers at 7:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Tyler Powers, Heather Reekie, Paul Schmidt, Phil Hoechst, Mark Giesfeldt. Also present: Pat Groom, Parks Director; Casey Dudley, Recreation Director, Becky Binz & Dan Schmidt, MSA
3. Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Hoechst, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2022 meeting of the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Race Day Events submitted a special event request to use Fireman's Park for a triathlon on June 25, 2022. Motion to approve request made by Giesfeldt, seconded by Reekie. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Casey discussed that the Recreation Department is exploring new registration software with the hopes of making it more user friendly for all. He explained certain limitations that the current software has regarding waiting lists and ease of registering for programs. No action was made.
6. Becky and Dan from MSA gave an update on the CORP and went over the Parks Survey. In total there were 1,006 responses to the survey, a 19% response rate. Sixty-nine percent (69%) of respondents to the survey were City residents, 13% live in the City of Madison, 5% in the City of Fitchburg, 5% in the Town of Verona and the remainder (~8%) are from elsewhere, mainly surrounding communities. Dan went over three potential site plans for Zingg Park. Pat and Casey spoke about the importance of creating a destination park and exploring new features to the play structure that are currently not in the parks system. The Commission agreed, and selected two potential site plans to be presented to the public during Home Town Days on, Friday, June 3rd, from 4-6 pm at the City/MSA booth. As part of the CORP, the public input booth will allow park users the opportunity to provide their input on what features they would like to see at Zingg Park, as well as, any improvements to the existing park system.
7. Moved by Reekie, seconded by Giesfeldt, to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Time: 8:26 p.m.

Tyler Powers
Chairperson