

## CITY OF VERONA

### MINUTES

### PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Tyler Powers at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Tyler Powers, Charlotte Jerney, Mark Giesfeldt, Heather Reekie. Excused: Paul Schmidt. Also present: Dave Walker, Parks Director; David Lonsdorf and Ed Spoon, Ice Age Trail volunteers.
3. Moved by Jerney, seconded by Giesfeldt, to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting of the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission. Motion carried 4-0.
4. David Lonsdorf and Ed Spoon were at the meeting on behalf of the Ice Age Trail to present a multi-year improvement plan for the trail corridor along Hwy M and the Badger Mill Creek. The City sewer utility and Madison Metro Sewerage were planning for a large construction project along the corridor in 2021 and the restoration of the would area provide an opportunity for improvements along the trail. These improvements would include rerouting and surfacing the trail, invasive plant removal, prairie restoration, and better access by means of a parking area for trail users.  
  
The idea would be to create a linear nature park along a roughly one mile length of the trail. This would be a cooperative effort between the Ice Age Trail, The City of Verona, and Dane County Parks. All three entities had ownership along that length of trail and together could easily find the resources to complete the project. The Park Commission liked the idea and agreed to work with the trail volunteers toward the goal of completing the proposed improvements.
5. Moved by Jerney, seconded by Reekie, to support the concept of creating a linear park along the Badger Mill Creek between Hwy M and the Military Ridge Trail. Motion carried 4-0.
6. The Commission considered a special event request by Burn Boot Camp to do an outdoor fitness class at Fireman's Park. The class would be on the morning of Sunday, August 23 and conclude before the beach opened for business at noon. The Commission had no issue with the proposal but asked that the group present a plan for limiting the spread of COVID during their event.
7. Moved by Giesfeld, seconded by Reekie, to approve a special event request for Fireman's Park by Burn Boot Camp contingent upon presenting a COVID plan prior to their use of the park. Motion carried 4-0.
8. Moved by Reekie, seconded by Giesfeld, to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Time: 8:00 p.m.

Tyler Powers  
Chairperson