

DRAFT MINUTES
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION
BOARD
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – 6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board for the City of Monona was called to order by Chair Doug Wood at 6:31 pm.

Present: Chair Doug Wood, Co-Chair Molly Grupe, Thom Evans, Rachel Groman, Tony Gomez-Phillips, Jeff Hinz, Pat Howell, Kelly Slack, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson, Recreation Supervisor Missy Miller

Absent: Jennifer Kahl

Minutes: Minutes were not available at time of this meeting, they will be available at the next meeting.

Appearances:

A. None

Unfinished Business:

A. None

New Business:

A. Food Cart Facility Use Agreement at Ahuska Park – Pa Pa’s BBQ

Director Anderson introduced the proposal to allow food cart vending on a consistent basis at Ahuska Park. Anderson indicated as a pilot program it would allow for a small business to provide services for a monthly rental fee. Anderson introduced owner Gilbert Hull who answered questions regarding the business operation of the food cart at Ahuska Park. The consensus of the board was supportive of the agreement listed in the packet.

Pat Howell made a motion seconded by Thom Evans to approve the Facility Use Agreement with Pa Pa’s BBQ. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Monona Community Pool Operating Plan

Aquatic Director Missy Miller presented the Monona Community Pool Operating Plan that adheres to local Public Health Orders. Miller has worked extensively with colleagues around the state who opened last year for feedback on what worked and what didn’t, and has attended multiple meetings with Dane County Public Health. Miller answered various questions from committee members and the consensus was to open the pool with the recommendations that Director Miller presented. Monona Swim & Dive Representative Rob Beuthling was also in attendance to answer any questions in regards to Swim & Dive practices/meets.

Jeff Hinz made a motion seconded by Rachel Groman to approve the Pool Operating Plan for the 2021 Season Motion carried unanimously.

C. Schluter Park Pier Relocation – Accessible Kayak Launch

Director Anderson discussed the previously approved Eagle Scout candidate Kodie Kraemer’s project to renovate the existing kayak launch at the park and fundraise for a new accessible kayak launch with an update to swap out the location of the existing pier to the location of the kayak launch area based on the final specifications of the accessible kayak launch. The packet included a map of the proposed locations of the piers.

Molly Grupe made a motion seconded by Pat Howell to approve the relocation of the piers at Schluter Park. Motion carried unanimously

D. Parks Ash Tree Removal Discussion

Director Anderson presented an update with the status of Emerald Ash Borer in Winnequah Park. The decline of ash tree health in Monona is significant and indicated that there currently 44 ash trees in Winnequah Park and asked the committee to consider a project that would include removal of all remaining ash trees in the park with a replanting plan that would be eligible for a DNR Urban Forestry Grant. The committee was supportive of the DNR grant application and replanting of new trees at Winnequah Park. Anderson noted those discussion would resume during the Capital Budget process. No action was taken at this meeting.

Director's Report & Questions to Staff from Committee

A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director

Anderson provided a verbal report of department activities including:

- Park restrooms are opening up over the first couple of weeks of April
- Madison B-Cycle stations open this week along with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to be scheduled within the next several weeks.
- May Meeting will be a tour of Monona Parks on B-Cycle
- Update on Stone Bridge Park Project
- Update on renovations at Winnequah Dream Park Shelter
- Mountain Bike Trail Project beginning this week

B. Missy Miller – Aquatics Director/Recreation Supervisor

Supervisor Miller provided a verbal report of upcoming recreation activities including:

- Fitness activities at Grand Crossing Park
- Bicycle Challenge Event in month of May
- Outdoor Pool Sales starting soon
- Summer programs starting in June.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn by Molly Grupe seconded by Thom Evans was carried at 8:00 pm.