

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF OAK CREEK PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION
MAY 16, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Director of Community Development Doug Seymour called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following members were present at roll call: Leah Schreiber-Johnson, Alderman Guzikowski, Mike Theys, Heather Ryan, Steve Bautch, Anne Beyer and Adam Thiel. Also present: Rebecca Lane, City Forester.

2. Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2019

Commissioner Ryan motioned to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting. Alderman Guzikowski seconded. Commissioner Schreiber-Johnson suggested that the minutes going forward contain a summary instead of detailed transcription. She questioned whether this committee requires such detail. The rest of the Committee agreed with just a summary being necessary for the meetings going forward. On vote for approval of the March 14, 2019 minutes, all voted aye. Motion carried.

3. a. Election of Commission Chairperson & Secretary

Director Seymour opened up the floor for nominations for Committee Chairperson. Commissioner Ryan nominated Commissioner Schreiber-Johnson. Alderman Guzikowski seconded. Director Seymour made three calls for other nominations. Seeing none, the nominations were closed. On vote, all voted aye. None opposed.

Director Seymour gave the Committee an update on the hiring of Pete Wagner's replacement. He hopes to have that person hired by mid-June and have this person acclimated to their role as the liaison to the Parks Commission.

Director Seymour opened up the floor for nominations for Committee Secretary. Commissioner Theys nominated Anne Beyer. Alderman Guzikowski seconded. Director Seymour made three calls for other nominations. Seeing none, the nominations were closed. On vote, all voted aye. None opposed.

Date of Bus Tour

July 18, 2019

b. NEWaukee Art Exhibition

Director Seymour provided an overview of the proposed exhibition to be held on July 20, 2019 at Lake Vista Park. This event is part of the marketing effort exposing Oak Creek to audiences that would not typically be drawn to Oak Creek. The City's Destination Marketing Specialist, Kristin Craig, is working out the details.

c. Recreation Report

Director Seymour spoke with Mary Jane Trate, Recreation Department Manager, and she did not have anything to report.

d. Forestry Report

Rebecca Lane, Urban Forester, provided an overview of upcoming planting projects which include 6th St. industrial areas, developing subdivisions such as The Bluffs and different areas where they are still adding homes, Ash tree replacements and new areas. The City received a grant to do just the low canopy areas, and industrial parks tend to be low in canopy. They are also working to improve schools with new and replacement plantings.

e. Parks Report

Director Seymour apologized that because of Pete Wagner's absence, the Parks report will be sparse until the City hires a Zoning Administrator/Planner. Director Seymour encouraged the Committee to suggest items for the upcoming meetings.

Discussion ensued on plantings at Abendschein Park.

Discussion ensued on potential visits on the bus tour. A suggestion was made to go to the proposed community park and some of the smaller parks in general on the bus tour.

4. Adjournment

Alderman Guzikowski motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Beyer seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Theys
OCPRF Secretary