

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF OAK CREEK PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION
AUGUST 19, 2021**

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Chair Schreiber-Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following members were present at roll call: Chair Schreiber-Johnson, Commissioner Beyer, Commissioner Bautch, Commissioner Theys, Commissioner Theil, and Commissioner Druckrey. Also present: Parks Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Wendt, and Director of Community Development, Doug Seymour. Alderman Guzikowski and Commissioner Ryan are excused.

2. Approval of Minutes - April 28, 2021

Commissioner Druckrey moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

3. New Business

a) Proposal for Consideration - Guest Speaker Community Development Director, Doug Seymour presented RFQ and design firm responses for the Biergarten Project

Director Seymour provided some background regarding the Biergarten project. Two proposals from architecture firms were presented. Director Seymour asked the Commission to discuss the pros and cons of each proposal and stated he wishes to see a multiple purpose building with restrooms and play facilities.

The cost listed in the packet is just for the design of the building.

The location and footprint of the proposed building was discussed. The location of interest from others is north of the parking lot next to the pond. Concerns were raised about blocking water runoff from getting to the pond and the overflow of the pond running into the building. It was stated that the water would still be able to get around the building and to the pond. Director Seymour stated he guessed the release point of the pond would flow into the creek. The original thought of the Oak Creek Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission was that the beer garden would go south of the parking lot to be near other features that were being added. The beer garden was originally thought to be utilized by families, but putting it north of the parking lot cuts it off from the rest of the park. Review of previous discussions continued regarding beer garden and other feature locations.

Chair Schreiber-Johnson asked if the proposals include the square footage of the proposed building. The packet states room for 150 occupants.

Commissioner stated there would need to be storage space to store beer garden equipment in the winter, but still have enough room to use the space for other activities.

It is proposed that the beer garden would be run by Petrified Springs, an Oak Creek resident. Other companies to run the beer garden were mentioned.

Director Seymour provided examples of the work each company has done with the City.

Parks Maintenance Supervisor Wendt explained the building will be high maintenance and provided some examples of maintenance costs for other buildings in City.

The Oak Creek Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission will be included in the planning process.

The budget of each proposal was reviewed and discussed. When considering all included services the fees for each proposal were similar.

Several commissioners had concerns about putting the beer garden structure near the pond because it would separate the playground from the beer garden with a parking lot.

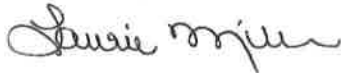
Each commissioner was given an opportunity to give their opinions of each company.

Commissioner Beyer made a motion to recommend to the Common Council that we go with Plunkett's proposal. Commissioner Theys seconded. All voted aye, except Commissioner Bautch and Commissioner Thiel.

4. Adjournment

Chair Schreiber-Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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