

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF OAK CREEK PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
January 5, 2023**

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Chairperson Schreiber-Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following members were present at roll call: Alderman Guzikowski, Secretary Beyer, Commissioner Bautch, and Commissioner Druckrey. Also present was Community Director Doug Seymour and Heather Ryan.

2. Approval of Minutes - September 8, 2022

Commissioner Druckrey moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022, meeting. Alderman Guzikowski seconded. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

3. Significant Common Council Actions Report

Chairperson Schreiber-Johnson questioned about the Ordinance No. 3057. Community Director Seymour answered that it was a remnant parcel for the Drexel Ave interchange that required by the State. Portion of the property is for the onramp and the other portion was given back to Milwaukee County as part of Falk Park.

4. New Business

a. Review and approve 2023 Parks & Recreation proposed fee changes

Community Director Seymour went over the budget briefly (see report for details).

There was discussion about the difference for the ballfields at Abendschein Park, Shepard Hills ball & Meadowview diamonds and the maintenance services. Community Director Seymour stated that he could get more clarification.

Chairperson Schreiber-Johnson asked that an analysis and comparison be made with surrounding communities and their rental fees with their high-level facility rentals. Community Director Seymour said that he could look into it.

Secretary Beyer makes a motion to approve the 2023 Parks & Recreation proposed fee changes, with the exception of Line Items 2 & 3 pertaining to Abendschein, Shepard Hills ball & Meadowview diamonds, and Maintenance Services section. Alderman Guzikowski seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

b. Review North Bluff Planning Study refined concept plan

Director Seymour introduced Edgewater Resources to present the plans (see report for details).

Spencer Andersen from Edgewater Resource went over the details of the new plans and how it was refined. He mentioned that they could not connect to the fishing pier on the north side of the treatment plan because MMSD felt that it would be too much of a security risk. The revetment at the bottom of the bluff is already in process. Some of the things that are on the plans:

- A pedestrian bridge over the ravine that will connect from Lake Vista Park to the North Bluff.
- A meandering ADA paved path that winds down from the top of the bluff to the bottom bluff.
- Sport trails between the paved paths.
- The revetment will have stones that can be used as seating and get close to the water.
- Natural gardens, shelters, a slide, play areas and natural climbing structures among the bluff and the paths.
- At the top of the bluff there is some parking and drop off area while a parking lot further west with a boardwalk towards the bluff.
- A short semi-circle pier (jetty) that will go out into the lake.

Community Director Seymour stated that he felt that this plan fits the goals of what the community wants for maintenance and sustainability. He stated that he is happy that the bouldering and slide made it into the plans and is pleased with the overall plan.

Secretary Beyer asked if there is a budget. Community Director Seymour says there is a budget within the TIF district which is dedicated to the park district and that he did not have the exact number, but could provide that to the Commission.

Secretary Beyer asked about the timeline of this project. Community Director Seymour stated that the Council is motivated to have the bluff park completed but could not give a timeline. He did mention that the revetment may take about 2 years to complete and the project will be ongoing.

Mr. Anderson stated that the north part of the bluff is already in the works and the grading and sloping are part of the revetment process. He explained how the bluff is being stabilized by building it out into the water. Mr. Anderson stated that the area would be passive and natural to start and will be able to “clean it up” according to the plans once the revetment is completed.

Secretary Beyer asked about where the dirt is coming from. Community Director Seymour stated that the revetment stone is being quarried and brought in. The dirt being use to cap the Peter Cooper property is coming from an MMSD project near Wilson Park.

There are some concerned that the jetty and rocks could become a maintenance issue, given the extreme winter conditions at the lakefront. Mr. Anderson stated that they have done this type of project on a much larger scale elsewhere and will have the area designed to handle such weather.

Some Commissioner stated they are happy with the plans and are excited about the project.

Community Director Seymour said that this will go before the Plan Commission on Tuesday, January 10th and the refined plan will also be presented to the public for additional comments.

This item was informational only and a vote was not required.

c. Review revisions to scope for the Abendschein Park Pavilion project

Community Director Seymour went over the project details (see report for details).

Some Commissioners stated that the original plan was ideal for the park and would like to see that come back.

Chairperson Schreiber-Johnson stated that she felt that this Commission's feedback has not been considered during the planning process. She worries that they are spending time on something that will not happen as this project has been in the works for a very long time.

This item was informational only and a vote was not required.

Secretary Beyer asked who will be leading the meetings. Community Director Seymour stated that he will continuing to do so until the position is fulfilled.

Commissioner Druckrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Beyer seconded. All voted Aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Prepared By:



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Respectfully Submitted,



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OCPR Secretary