

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF OAK CREEK PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 12, 2020**

**1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Schreiber-Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. The following members were present at roll call: Chair Schreiber-Johnson, Commissioner Theys, Commissioner Ryan, Commissioner Beyer, Commissioner Theil, and Commissioner Druckrey. Also present: Parks Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Wendt, Zoning Administrator Laurie Miller. Director of Public Works Johnson joined the meeting at 6:09 pm. Alderman Guzikowski and Commissioner Bautch are excused.

**2. Approval of Minutes - July 9, 2020**

Commissioner Beyer motioned to table the approval of the minutes of the July 9, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Ryan seconded. On roll call: All voted aye. Motion carried.

**3. New Business**

**a) Welcome new Parks Commission member, Nicole Druckrey**

Commissioner Druckrey introduced herself to the OCPRF Commission with her background and interest in joining. All commissioners and staff members in attendance then introduced themselves to Commissioner Druckrey.

**b) Guest Speaker, Nicole Turlais, to present sand volleyball proposal for Willow Heights Park**

Zoning Administrator Miller gave background information regarding the proposal. The location of Willow Heights Park, estimated cost of a sand volleyball court, existing amenities at Willow Heights Park, as well as issues of concern i.e. wetlands and floodways at this location.

Ms. Turlais then proposed putting a sand volleyball court with a women's regulation net height at Willow Heights Park. The proposed location is east of the existing basketball court, where there is currently open grass. As a local girls' volleyball coach, Ms. Turlais is confident the city's club teams would use the court based on knowledge of how popular the sport is and speaking with the abutting neighborhood residents. Commissioner Ryan confirmed women's volleyball is becoming more popular in the city, stating club teams are growing and there is more activity in renting volleyball courts within the school systems.

Parks Maintenance Supervisor Wendt stated a 50ft x 80ft space is needed for a sand volleyball court and would need to confirm the location in question is large enough. Zoning Administrator Miller stated, per a need's analysis, Oak Creek should have 14 volleyball courts and currently there are only nine, seven of which are sand volleyball courts. However, the staff believes the existing courts are very underutilized.

Discussion about the pros/cons and viability of permanent vs adjustable net heights was had between Director of Public Works Johnson, Parks Maintenance Supervisor Wendt, and Zoning Administrator Miller. Parks Maintenance Supervisor Wendt stated the durability of adjustable nets would not be high, however permanently lowering more of the existing nets in the city parks was possible; giving more accessibility to girls' volleyball teams. Zoning Administrator Miller considered staff taking note and updating website with what height each court is at.

Commissioner Ryan and Parks Maintenance Supervisor Wendt agreed to inspect the discussed space at Willow Heights park.

Commissioner Ryan motioned to have the parks Commission further investigate the possibility of installing a sand volleyball court in Willow Heights Park. Commissioner Beyer seconded. On roll call: all voted aye except Alderman Guzikowski and Commissioner Bautch are abstained. Motion carried.

**c) Staff Report**

Zoning Administrator Miller reviewed project updates throughout the city (see staff report for details).

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

**d) Proposal for Consideration – Identify two or three park projects to pursue from Phase 1 of the Abendschein Master Plan**

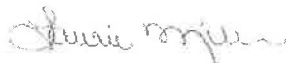
Zoning Administrator Miller provided background information on the Abendschein Master Plan and the plan's list of projects. Zoning Administrator Miller noted the first project to be completed from the plan, the expansion of the skate park, was nearing completion of the design phase and that the time has come to pick the next project from the plan. Zoning Administrator Miller opened the floor for project suggestions.

The Commission chose to pursue the Pavilion Complex, Parking Lot Expansion, and West Entry Drive projects out of the Abendschein Master Plan.

**4. Adjournment**

Chair Schreiber-Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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OCPRF Secretary