

# SPECIAL PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, September 14, 2020

Time: 10:00 am

## 1. Attendance :

Al Ebert, Mark Rajkovich, Dennis Miller, Vick Shafran, Wendy Behnke, Alderperson Betty Nies, Alderperson Joe Behnke and Director Ann Marx. Also in attendance Mark Olson. Excused were Judy Christianson, Joel Thorpe and Shelly Lau.

## 2. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Mark Rajkovich, seconded by Al Ebert to approve the agenda as printed, Motion carried.

## 3. Chairman's Report:

- a. No report

## 4. Visitors:

- a. Alderman Joe Behnke, Mark Olson.

## 5. Horn Park Update:

- a. The purpose of this meeting was to give the Park Commission an update on Horn Park.
- b. Mark Olson presented the project as it was submitted to the DNR to the commission. Overall the concept is the same. An application with the State of Wisconsin was submitted showing overall cost to be \$3.1 million dollars. The City has received a matching grant of \$760,000 (the city has to come up with \$760,000 to get the match). The grant money must be claimed and used by end of December 2022. Wendy Behnke questioned that this presentation is not the one that the commission saw in March, as at that time the creek was being moved and the park was staying pretty much where it is. This presentation shows the park being moved to the old BIW property and the present part being turned over to Brillion Works. Mark explained that moving

the creek was not going to be possible. The commission viewed the new concept and Al Ebert questioned the actual acreage of the new park compared to the old park. The old park is approximately 27 acres and the new park is approximately 23 acres which includes 5 acres of trail. The commission asked about a timeline and Mark said that he thought things could start within 12 months. The new park would sit on the old BIW property with the creek running through it and Park Street running through it. Right now they are working with the DNR on what will need to be done to build on the property including digging out the creek bed. The creek recovery should begin in May of 2021. They have run into some concerns at this point with possible Indian burial grounds that they need to work out. Wendy Behnke is concerned that overall the new park will be barren compared to the current park which has historic, majestic trees in it. Mark Olson noted that the City was given money by the National Park Registry many years ago to keep the current park designated as a park and that would have to be worked out prior to any changes. Alderman Joe Behnke asked why we could not keep it all a park – just add on the new area? Mark did not have any update as to what would happen to the old park.

At 11:20 a.m., Chairman Ebert adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Wendy Behnke, Commission Secretary