

**PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

PRESENT: Baird, Mansmith, Wisneski, Millin  
ABSENT: Ernst, Clark, Hansen  
OTHERS: City Administrator Sonntag, Parks and Recreation Director Zeien

Mansmith called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**Approve meeting minutes**

Wisneski moved and Baird seconded a motion to approve the February 22, 2023, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Discussion items**

**Horner Park Project Design**

The Committee reviewed the Horner Park project design, which included the installation of a trail. Sonntag discussed MSA's design, including options for a path and the addition of a gazebo. The Committee recommended installing the path closer to Silver Creek. Sonntag noted the project will be completed as part of the Tygert St. Bridge removal.

**Selfridge Park DNR Stewardship Application**

The Committee reviewed a scaled down plan for Selfridge Park improvements that will be included in a DNR grant application. Sonntag summarized the plan, which included paths, a kayak launch, fishing pier, and parking lot. The Committee recommended adding a sidewalk to connect the trail in the park. Mansmith questioned how the park project would be prioritized over other projects. Sonntag stated the goal is to leverage grant funds to complete the project. After review and discussion, the committee recommended moving forward with the Selfridge Park grant application plan and improvements.

**Murray Park Trail Project**

The Committee reviewed the layout of the Murray Park Trail Project. Sonntag discussed the need to pave the new trail that was installed in 2022. After review, the Committee recommended moving forward with the design from MSA.

**Ordinance Review – Dogs in Parks**

The Committee reviewed an ordinance that would allow dogs in the parks. Baird requested the ordinance language and structure be changed to be more clear and concise. The Committee discussed the regulations in the ordinance. Zeien discussed plans for signage and cleanup stations. After discussion, Baird moved, Mansmith seconded a motion to recommend the ordinance be brought to the Common Council for consideration. Motion carried.

**National Fitness Campaign Grant Update**

Zeien provided an update on the NFC grant, including fundraising efforts.

**Recreation Survey Results and Discussion**

The Committee reviewed the results of a community recreation survey with 123 responses. Zeien noted the survey will help guide programming for the department. Zeien provided a demo of the RecDesk software to show how recreation programming will be managed once in place.

**Parks and Recreation Director Report**

Zeien discussed her additional work on building out the department, including establishing administrative processes, forms, and agreements.

**Project Updates**

None.

**Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting**

None.

**Announce date and time for next committee meeting**

To be determined.

With no other business before the Committee, Baird moved, and Wisneski seconded, a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Hansen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.