

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
JULY 8, 2024

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Gunderson at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:01 pm. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Chris Gunderson, Austin Baehnman and Citizen Members Andy Rosenwinkel, Frank Zaborj, and Tim Potratz arrived at 6:05 pm. Not Present: Cameron Looker and DeAnna Volz. Also Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Meta Berg, Shani Appleby, Pat Gorchals, Carson Faulkner, Brian Doherty, Bruce Goetsch, James Card, Brad Leonhardt, and Marge Leonhardt.

Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to approve the Recreation Committee minutes from June 11, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Ball Park Updates: Brian Doherty reported that the 2nd quote from Mi T Fence was approved by the insurance company for the batting cage replacement. There was a cost of \$2,200 to remove the existing fencing but Rosenwinkel and Doherty both thought that the City Crew and Ball League can get it removed. May also be able to put the astroturf down inside the new cage on top of compacted screenings. Loehrke will check on the amount of the deductible and the Youth Ball League will pay for it. Scoreboard is up and running. Mayor Luedke would like budget requests for next year be sent to him by August 1st. The dugouts will be the project for next year. *Motion Gunderson, second Rosenwinkel, to move forward with the quote from Mi T Fence for the replacement to the batting cages paid for by the city's insurance claim. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

July 3rd Fireworks Celebration Recap: Loehrke shared a message she received from a concerned person in regards to a complaint of the fire bombs used at the end of the fireworks show. Everyone heard nothing but great compliments on the show. Brad Leonhardt thanked the committee for allowing the Historical Society to sell beverages and snacks. It was very successful for them and a great start to fundraising for the painting of the silo. Will like to continue to have a non-profit group run a concession stand next year. The City will also do the event page on Facebook. Gunderson stated that someone was selling glow sticks inside the gate of the fairgrounds that she did not like. They were not invited to sell anything inside the fairgrounds. Will have to look at for next year.

Swim Lake Updates: Loehrke reported that the inflatable that was causing issues has been removed and returned to the company. A different inflatable will be coming the week of July 15th. Potratz reported that attendance has been up when the weather is good. Have had to close 6 days due to rain. He has a good lifeguarding crew this year and held their first in-service this morning.

Discussion and possible action on new basketball hoops for Maasch Park: Faulkner received one quote of \$5,000 to replace the backboards and poles. Committee would like to see more

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quotes. The poles are ok to use so don't necessarily have to get new ones at this time. Will table till next month to review more quotes.

Discussion and possible action on 2nd Little Digger Purchase: Becky Jensen who donated the first "Little Digger" in the park would like to donate a 2nd one again in memory of her Uncle Dan Hallman. There is plenty of room in the sandbox area that was built. *Motion Rosenwinkel, second Gunderson, to purchase a 2nd Little Digger with the donation from Becky Jensen. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and possible action on free swim and Food Trucks for Police Take Back the Night event on August 6th in Maasch Park: Chief Leschke reported that the Police Department will be hosting a "Take Back the Night" event at Maasch Park on August 6th. There will be squads, the drone and the new vision impaired equipment on display. Will have music and a few food trucks. The Chief would like to offer free swimming at the swim lake from 3-6 pm. *Motion Gunderson, second Zaboj, to approve free swimming at the swim lake on August 6th from 3-6 pm for Police Take Back the Night event. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and possible action on upgrade of tennis courts by the Library: Now that the courts are done in Maasch Park people are asking about the courts by the Library. People are still playing tennis on it. Some people are using it to let their dogs run around. Need to look for a company that can just resurface it. Last year's quote to reconstruct the whole court was over \$200,000. Will table item for now as more research will be done.

Discussion and possible action on proposed dog park fencing quote, rules and procedures: Not sure if Former Administrator reached out to the companies that presented quotes for fencing to get updated information and if they could still install this year yet. Faulkner or Loehrke will get new updated quotes and see if the fence could be done yet this fall or have to wait till the spring.

Set next meeting date/time: Due to the August Primary Election the next committee meetings will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 starting at 6:00 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Mayor Luedke thanked Bruce Goetsch for his time on Council and presented him with a plaque from the City.

Motion Gunderson, second Baehman, to adjourn at 6:30pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to Council:

1. Recommend to move forward with the quote from Mi T Fence for the replacement to the batting cages paid for by the city's insurance claim.
2. Recommend to approve the purchase of a 2nd Little Digger with the donation from Becky Jensen.

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3. Recommend to approve free swimming at the swim lake on August 6th from 3-6 pm for Police Take Back the Night event.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk