PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD PARK20170301-1 March 1, 2017 UNAPPROVED

A regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board, City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. The meeting was held at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Schara at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - James Schara, Glenn Herold, Council Member Rick Verhaalen,

Terry Wagner, Dave Polacek

Excused - Paul Rushing, Scott King

Also Present - Director of Parks and Recreation Mikko Hilvo

Recreation Superintendent Maggie Bultman

Recreation Supervisor Danny Friess

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Chairperson Schara acknowledged that the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board agenda was posted and distributed in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Glenn Herold, seconded by Dave Polacek, to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2017 meeting with the addition of this clarification from Council Member Verhaalen "I would like it added to the minutes that my reason for voting in favor of the motion: 'to deny any possible proposals to build a practice baseball field at Prairie View Park' was due only to the fact that there is no available time for a softball or baseball organization to utilize a potential baseball field in Prairie View Park because of current commitments to soccer and lacrosse organizations. If the current schedule changes in the future, a motion to reconsider or rescind this motion may be made". Motion carried without a negative vote with Paul Rushing and Scott King excused.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Park and Open Space Plan (CORP); and Action Thereon

Director Hilvo stated that there is nothing new to report on the plan other than that an extension for a stewardship grant has been granted.

Discuss Behling Field Restoration; and Action Thereon

Director Hilvo explained that the Behling Field restoration project has already begun and that much of the equipment will now be transferred over to Adlai Horn Park. Director Hilvo has been assured by Mercury Marine that Behling Field will be fully seeded, planted and in playable condition by the first week of May when the softball leagues are scheduled to begin. Council Member Verhaalen asked if the fence in left field will be replaced and Director Hilvo said that it will be replaced with the same 6-foot type of fence that had been there before the cleanup.

Discuss Behling Field Storage Shed; and Action Thereon

Director Hilvo explained that they will be leasing a plot of land next to Behling Field from Immanuel Lutheran Church to build a new storage shed. Director Hilvo went through the lease terms, stipulations and specifications for the size of a proposed shed. The City of Cedarburg will continue to maintain and cut the grass for this plot of land as they have always done in the past. Terry Wagner suggested that the Cedarburg Mercs and Cedarburg Select Baseball be approached to help fund this proposed shed.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Eagle Scout Project to Clean-up Woods in Centennial Park; and Action Thereon

Director Hilvo introduced Eagle Scout Patrick Knox. He explained that he wanted to clean up the Centennial Park woods to create a biking and hiking trail in that area. Mr. Knox gave a short presentation that outlined his plan for the project.

Terry Wagner inquired if the course could be marked so that Board members could walk the area to see it. Director Hilvo said that it is very dense right now and it would be difficult to walk through this area. Council Member Verhaalen asked what the length of the trail would be and Mr. Knox said that it measures out to 0.43 miles. He also inquired about when the project would begin and Mr. Knox said they would start on the trails very soon. Glenn Herold asked about the issue of erosion in that area. Mr. Knox said that typically with the all the pressure from the bikes and the people walking on it, it tends to get packed down so erosion is not a problem for the trails. Director Hilvo added that this would be valuable to have in our community since mountain biking clubs are becoming extremely popular. He also mentioned that this area would help to create new programming for the City of Cedarburg.

Motion made by Council Member Verhaalen, seconded by Glenn Herold, to approve Eagle Scout Patrick Knox's plan to begin cleanup of Centennial Park to create hiking and biking trails. Motion carried without a negative vote with Paul Rushing and Scott King excused.

REPORTS

Director Hilvo reported on current parks and forestry projects.

Superintendent Bultman reported on current program updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Glenn Herold, seconded by Dave Polacek, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Paul Rushing and Scott King excused.

Danny Friess Recreation Supervisor