

**PARK20200805-1**

**UNAPPROVED**

Roll Call: Present - Glenn Herold, Council Member Rick Verhaalen, James Schara, Brian Clement, Dave Polacek, Terry Wagner

Also Present - Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry Danny Friess  
City Forester Kevin Westphal  
Recreation Superintendent Maggie Anderson  
Recreation Coordinator Chandler Steffen  
Senior Center Director Aubrey Suppinger

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

Motion made by James Schara, seconded by Dave Polacek, to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2020 meeting. Motion carried without a negative vote with Paul Rushing excused.

## NEW BUSINESS

Director Friess explained that the only significant changes in the detailed 2021 budget are increases for stump removals, tree planting replacements, and park signs replacements.

Chairperson Herold inquired if that accounts for an approximate 66% increase for contracted services. City Forester Westphal confirmed this. Chairperson Herold also inquired about the sign replacement.

Director Friess explained that the sign replacement is due to the City rebranding. Chairperson Herold asked if this is going to be phased in or will it be completed next year. Director Friess stated it would ideally get done, but this is not the City's top priority. Council Member Verhaalen inquired if the signs are getting replaced because they are degrading in quality or if it is solely for the rebranding of the City. He also stated that it was his understanding that the signs would be replaced with the new

rebranded signs when a new sign was needed and that he is against replacing the signs for the sole purpose of rebranding. Director Friess explained that some are for quality, but the goal is to replace all signs within the City with the new rebranding.

Brian Clement stated that he would rather have that money in the budget for tree replacements than sign replacement. Council Member Verhaalen agreed with Brian Clement. He also inquired about how successful EAB treatment is on the trees.

City Forester Westphal explained that they have implemented a new system this year and the trees are responding well. The new system is much more expensive to contract out and that is why they are continuing to do this inhouse with seasonal employees. Council Member Verhaalen asked if this treatment prolongs the life of the tree or saves the tree. City Forester Westphal explained that it saves the trees. Chairperson Herold inquired if there will be less injections in 2021. City Forester Westphal confirmed that the total number of trees being treated will be less next year.

Director Suppinger stated that there are no significant changes within the Senior Center budget for 2021.

Council Member Verhaalen inquired about the shade structure at Adlai Horn Park. Director Friess explained the shade structure would be for the pickleball courts. He stated that the Pickleball Advisory Committee is always open to help fundraise and the Parks and Recreation Department can use the indoor pickleball fees to offset the cost for the shade structure.

Terry Wagner inquired about attendance for poms. Director Friess explained that enrollment has been good and that they had switched to teaching via Zoom during the pandemic and running camps outside.

**Consider Request from Summer Sounds For a Shipping Container/Mural Project at Cedar Creek Park; and Action Thereon**

Director Friess explained that Summer Sounds approached the Parks and Recreation Department to see if they could keep a shipping container in Cedar Creek Park for additional storage. The shipping container would have a mural on it.

John Wallus, W61 N946 Crescent Drive, from Summer Sounds explained they have seen concepts like this in other communities and think it would be a nice addition in Cedar Creek Park and for the creative community within Cedarburg. He explained how storage is an issue and how this could be a good solution. The shipping container would be in Cedar Creek Park from April until September.

Chairperson Herold inquired about the location of the shipping container in Cedar Creek Park. John Wallus stated that they would like to have it to the left of the restrooms but are open to other locations.

Mayor Mike O'Keefe expressed his concern that the shipping container will not fit with the rustic look of the bandshell and shelter structure at Cedar Creek Park. He suggested that a permanent structure could be a better option to make the design compliment the other structures in the park or to put the container on the other side of the park where things are more colorful. John Wallus explained that other communities have both structures and a shipping container, and they work together. Summer Sounds can work with the Parks and Recreation Department to put restrictions on

what the mural will be. Mayor Mike O'Keefe inquired about the dimensions of the shipping container. John Wallus stated that it is 20 feet long, 8 feet and 6 inches high, and about 6 feet wide.

Sue Shrader, W53 N454 Park Circle, from Summer Sounds stated that it is her understanding that the DNR has restrictions about what can be built in Cedar Creek Park and due to those restrictions, only temporary options were considered by Summer Sounds. Chairperson Herold confirmed that there are DNR restrictions and there is no digging permitted in the park. Mayor Mike O'Keefe suggested a concrete slab to be poured.

Brian Clement stated that he does not want a modern art piece in Cedar Creek Park and enjoys the rustic feel that the park has. He stated that everyone has different taste when it comes to art and not everyone will be satisfied with the outcome.

Chairperson Herold expressed his concern with the size and the location.

Terry Wagner suggested that Director Friess research if a permanent structure is allowed to be built in Cedar Creek Park.

Council Member Verhaalen stated that even with a mural on the shipping container, you are still going to see a shipping container. He agreed that there was a lot of work put into the bandshell and would like to look into the possibility of a permanent structure.

Dave Polacek stated that he likes the idea and the art aspect to the shipping container. He is open to either the shipping container or a permanent structure.

Motion made by Terry Wagner, seconded by Brian Clement, to not allow a shipping container in Cedar Creek Park. Motion carried without a negative vote with Paul Rushing excused.

**Consider Request from the Family Enrichment Center and Mel's Charities to Hold a Holiday Light Show Event at Zeunert Park in December; and Action Thereon**

Director Friess explained that the City was approached by the Family Enrichment Center and Mel's Charities to hold a Holiday Light Show Event at Zeunert Park.

Carissa Barnes from the Family Enrichment Center stated that themselves, along with Mel's Charities, would like to hold a fundraiser. They realize this can be hard with COVID-19 and were trying to find a way they can hold one safely and follow social distancing guidelines. She explained that the fundraiser would be a Holiday Light Show on Friday's and Saturday's in December that would go along the path in Zeunert Park and that the proposal that she shared was just a basic outline of the event and nothing is finalized.

Terry Wagner inquired if the Family Enrichment Center or Mel's Charities has any conceptual drawings of what the event would look like. Carissa Barnes explained that they were unsure if they would be able to utilize the park, so they do not have any at the moment. The pathway would be split into sections/zones for different companies or sponsors to decorate.

Chairperson Herold inquired if the path is wide enough to drive cars through. City Forester Westphal confirms that park staff and DPW staff use vehicles on the path at Zeunert Park. Chairperson Herold also inquired if there are any local competitors. Carissa Barnes stated that there are no other Holiday

Light Shows in Ozaukee County.

Director Friess expressed concerns about traffic and headlights for the residents in the area around Zeunert Park. Chairperson Herold suggested that the people who attend the event drive without their headlights on, as there will be plenty of lighting from the lights along the path. Director Friess also expressed concern about holding the event on Christmas Day. Carissa Barnes stated that they are willing to have participants turn off their headlights while driving through the park and to not hold the event on Christmas Day.

Terry Wagner stated that he likes the idea, but would need more detail about cost, design, and traffic. Brian Clement asked, based on the proposal, if there would be a cost to the City. Carissa Barnes confirmed that there would be no cost to the City.

Council Member Verhaalen inquired about how they are going to power the lights. Carissa Barnes stated that they are estimating they will have 3 generators to power the lights. If they can utilize the park, then they will plan the details and logistics of the event.

Motion made by Council Member Verhaalen, seconded by Terry Wagner, to approve the Family Enrichment Center and Mel's Charities to move forward with the concept and use of Zeunert Park for a Holiday Lights Show, with the request to be provided with more details about the event. Motion carried without a negative vote with Paul Rushing excused.

## **REPORTS**

Director Friess reported on Summer playground camp, pickleball signs, hand dryers, and the Fall/Winter/Spring activity guide.

Superintendent Anderson gave updates on the Fall/Winter/Spring activity guide, youth flag football, youth fall soccer, flag football combine, Make-A-Move 600 Minute Challenge, pool updates, yoga in the park, volleyball, and basketball.

City Forester Westphal reported on tree removals, EAB treatments, chipper, stump removals, service request pruning, stump grinding, and the dead tree survey.

Director Suppinger reported on the Senior Center rummage sale.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Dave Polacek, seconded by Council Member Verhaalen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Paul Rushing excused.

Chandler Steffen  
Recreation Coordinator