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UNAPPROVED

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

Also Present - Director of Parks and Recreation Danny Friess
City Forester Kevin Westphal
Recreation Superintendent Maggie Anderson
Recreation Coordinator Chandler Steffen

Vice Chairperson Terry Wagner 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 Paul Rushing, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022, meeting. Motion carried without a negative vote with Chairperson Herold excused.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Forester Westphal explained that the change mentioned at the February 2, 2022, Park, Recreation and Forestry Board meeting was made to the Street Tree Planting Policy PR-2.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Hilvo explained that Timothy Stringer approached him about purchasing parcel 1305110202002 from the City. The parcel is located behind his property and shares a border with Zeunert Park. Administrator Hilvo explained that the City Assessor valued the parcel at \$12,000 and that Timothy Stringer has made an offer of \$5,000 for the parcel. He then asked the Board to consider the value that they believe this parcel adds to Zeunert Park and if it would be beneficial to have someone else maintain it. Administrator Hilvo then welcomed Timothy Stringer to introduce himself.

Timothy Stringer explained that when he purchased his home in 2017, he thought that his property included the parcel since the previous homeowners utilized the space. He mentioned that he would

be willing to maintain the area and he has no intention of clear cutting the canopy. He also explained that he is willing to negotiate the price for the parcel.

The Park, Recreation and Forestry Board discussed the location of the parcel and inquired what was currently in the location. City Forester Westphal stated that there is mostly buckthorn and some larger evergreen trees in the location of the parcel of land.

Brian Clement stated that he doesn't believe the City should be selling our park land, but instead we should be preserving it. Paul Rushing agreed with this statement.

Motion was made by Dave Polacek, seconded by Brian Clement, to deny the purchase offer for parcel 130510202002. Motion carried without a negative vote with Chairperson Herold excused.

Discuss Pickleball Fees, Court Rentals, and Policies for 2022; and Action Thereon

Director Friess explained that the Park, Recreation and Forestry Department is looking to change the rental fees and rental policies for the pickleball courts located at Adlai Horn Park. Coordinator Steffen explained the proposal to the Board regarding increasing pickleball court rental fees and some changes to the current pickleball policy in place. She discussed how the rental policy was put together for 2021 and how much the sport's popularity has grown since then, especially within our community. Because of this, we need to review the court rental policy at Adlai Horn Park to better suit the needs of the community.

Mary-Kay Bourbulas, N67W5389 Cedar Court, Cedarburg, stated that the courts are heavily used and around half of the participants are not City of Cedarburg residents. She explained that the issues come from participants that do not want to wait to play. They then try to change the court rules during peak hours, even though there are posted rules on the pickleball courts. She also stated that you have to rent out the courts if you would like to play with a specific group during peak hours.

Motion was made by Council Member Verhaalen, seconded by Paul Rushing, to approve the proposed pickleball rental policy, changing resident fees to \$15 per court per hour and non-resident fees to \$35 per court per hour; and changing pickleball court rentals to only be available to City of Cedarburg residents from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., as proposed and to give the Park, Recreation and Forestry Department leeway to alter the rule signage at the Adlai Horn Park pickleball courts. Motion carried without a negative vote with Chairperson Herold excused.

REPORTS

Director Friess reported on the Summer Activity Guide, summer activity registration, All Children's Playground, Zeunert Park tennis and pickleball court resurfacing, and new lights at Behling Field.

Superintendent Anderson reported on basketball, babysitting safety classes, the Summer Activity Guide, flag football, soccer, softball leagues, t-ball, the Cedarburg Community Pool, and Summer Playground Camp.

City Forester Westphal reported on cycle pruning, the American Arborist Association conference, Cedarburg Green's award, and interviews for a new Public Works and Forestry position.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Verhaalen, seconded by James Schara, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Chairperson Herold excused.

Chandler Steffen
Recreation Coordinator