

Leisure Services Commission Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2019 7:00pm
Civic Center Waverly Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carver, Johnson, Neuendorf, Pins, Solheim, Winter
MEMBERS ABSENT: Cashman
COUNCIL PRESENT: Birgen, Mayor Soash
STAFF PRESENT: Ray, Cheville
VISITORS: Rich Seggerman, Wartburg VP

SUMMARY OF FORMAL ACTION: Chairperson Solheim called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion: To approve February 21, 2019 minutes as presented.

04-19 Moved: Pins Seconded: Johnson
Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1

Regular Business

1. "W" Advisory Board Proposal

Rich Seggerman was present to talk about the "W" Advisory Board. The Mayor had talked to Sheila Kittleson, the "W" Director and James Bronner about the purpose of the Advisory Board.

The mayor stated the financial obligation has ended. The "W" was doing a good job with recreation programming so he is unsure of the value of the advisory board. Even with the financial obligation completed, the City does provide in-kind outdoor facilities to the "W" community recreation program for the outdoor activities.

The "W" would still give their annual progress report to the Commission/Council

Motion: To proceed with revising the "W"/ City agreement including dissolving the advisory board due to lack of purpose, adjusting days closed as needed, any other language changes, and providing the annual presentation of the "W" activities for the past year to the Commission and/or the Council.

05-19 Moved: Pins Seconded: Winter
Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1

Staff Report: Cheville reviewed a number of items.

- Staff has developed a tiered system to designate different pieces of property the maintenance level they will receive. This will make a much more efficient system to have a higher level of maintenance at more used and visible areas.
- Cheville continued what some of the latest conservation initiatives was to designate areas chemical free zones. Our philosophy is to use chemicals on the Tier 1 areas to reduce the broadleaf weeds as needed, and to remove invasive and/or noxious weeds.
The Schools and the Public Library are presently chemical free zones. This is something the State tracks and governments can get signage showing the public the areas exist. He wants to look to expand the program. Fertilizer is used at many areas and is not considered a dangerous chemical.
- The last thing was the listing of monthly tasks developed by the Vegetation Management staff. All of these items are reviewed annually.

Director's Report:

- The WSR Science Club Tree Sale sold 138 trees this year.
- Interviews have been completed for the Director position. 6 people had phone interviews and was narrowed down to 2 for personal interviews. Two groups interviewed the applicants, one group of Directors and the other a group of lead LS staff, LS and Golf Commissioners. Ray participated in the lunch and tour for the two candidates. An offer should be given soon.
- The Strategic Planning had one of their objectives to be to investigate further uses of the river. They asked LS Commission to have a sub committee and have a public input meeting on what could be done to increase use of the river. Solheim, Johnson and Carver have volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Chairperson Report

The mayor reported on a video online with our employee using a backpack blower to blow snow on the Veterans Tribute. Ray will look into it.

Next Meeting:

March 21, 2019

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tab Ray
Commission Secretary
Leisure Services Director