

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018
DPW OPERATIONS CENTER
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI 53511**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Lange, Jeff Johnson, Kristin Loehr, Mike Ciaramita, Joe Reinhard, Ben Reeber, Julio Castaneda, Joe Stadelman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beth Jacobsen, City Council Representative

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Mark Edwards, Director of Parks & Recreation,

GUESTS: Brenda Plakans – Welty Center – Executive Director
Noah Zentner – Student UW-Whitewater
Abby Miller – Student UW-Whitewater

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Carl Lange at 6:30 p.m.
Introductions were conducted of the new members of the Commission

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE October 10, 2018

A motion to approve minutes of October 10, 2018 was motioned by Jeff Johnson and seconded by Mike Ciaramita. It was voted unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a.) Big Hill Park Update - Brenda Plakans – Status of the programs. Welty received Jet Grant from Visit Beloit to create 7-9 interpretive signs around Big Hill Park. Contacted a designer to create signs. Beloit College first year students are doing research papers on each sign. On-going work on the prairie, cleaning and collecting native seeds and spreading them. Look at water access to the park. Need to start looking into this. Looking into docks and items. The type of dock needs to be decided on. Mark will be getting pricing and types of docks. Next control burn will be in the early spring 2019. No burn in the fall due to not being ready.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks

- a.) Eagles Ridge – Shelter is up, concrete work and restoration work need to be done so that will be a spring 2019 project.

- b.) Citizen group met for Turtle Creek Park for last time. Going to remove the building. Agreement to tear down the building. Phase I will be new shelter and new road way off of St. Paul. Well attended meeting and no one wanted to save the building.
- c.) Facilities staff – taking better care of our buildings.
- d.) Staff presented information at the Stateline Learning Unlimited Event.

Spencer's Report -

- e.) Offering swimming lessons with the YMCA for 4th graders in Cunningham and Fruzen this is during PE program for a whole week.

Grinnell Hall Report –

- f.) Grinnell Hall will be having their first open house on December 1, 2018.
- g.) January 5, 2019 having a New Year Eve's Party.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

- Joe Reinhard – Horticultural department does good work. Streets getting stuff ready for the snow. Nice to see things done ahead of time.
- Jeff Johnson – The Rock Trail Coalition is having annual meeting at Blackhawk Technical College on December 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Discussion on the Peace Trail.
- Carl Lange – Working on the bicycle transportation new entrance to the Turtle Creek Park off Park Avenue south of old Cub Foods building.
- Kristin Loehr – Scouts at Culver's on November 11, 2018 for Veteran's Celebrations. Held flag ceremonies.
- Julio Castaneda – Coaches girls' soccer. He pays for them to play in Rockford.
- Joe Stadelman – wants to know if there is an agreement between the school district and city.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Johnson made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Kristin Loehr. Adjournment approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Anne Hill.