



**TWO
RIVERS**
WISCONSIN

ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Koska Room - Community House 1520 17th
Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Daniel Cortte, Brian Gallagher, Travis Kadow, Erin Lamal, Robert Reed Jr., Jason Sharping, Dorothy Tinkham Delo, Adam Wachowski-Council Rep, Jeff Dahlke-Council Rep

PRESENT

Council Rep Adam Wachowski
Council Rep Jeff Dahlke
Robert Reed
Erin Lamal
Jason Scharping
Travis Kadow
Daniel Cortte
Dorothy Tinkham Delo

ABSENT

Brian Gallagher

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Jason Scharping, Seconded by Travis Kadow.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

4. COMMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC (Limited to 3 minutes each)

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Blue Zones Presentation by Margaret Brown - 7 years with Blue Zones. Where do people that live the longest live? These zones have common characteristics - they Move, they have Purpose, they Eat Wisely, they are Connected to community and family.

B. Invited Guest: Joe Metzen, Tourism Director - Joe is excited to help support and promote what Two Rivers has taken for granted.

C. Community Pool Planning Committee - Two Rivers Family Swim club will be closing permanently. City Council approved a committee to review and answer questions and eventually will lead to referendum. There will be a group "Friends of the TR Pool" that will need to raise the capital and the City will then take ownership and operate the pool subsidized by tax dollars. Comes down to \$6/person in the city.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Parks and Open Space Planning

- a. Review draft plan & community input- Made 8 goals that are overreaching.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Received WPRA Award for Central Park.

Received Chamber Award for Central Park +\$1000

Tree Work - Electric Department topping off dead trees, Zander - many dead ash trees, and pruning.

Grants - working on 3 of them: WI DNR Urban Forestry - no match required!, 2024 Urban Forestry - \$25k from DNR & city match, Day Break Fund - Lake Michigan Bird Observatory - \$10k to plant trees on south side of TR.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

A. 2024 Capital Projects - Swim Smart Beach Alert System, Machinery & Equipment, Senior Center Heating & Cooling, Washington Playground & Picnic Tables, Overall Playgrounds Improvement & Mulch, Riverside Park Design & Planning, Kayak Launch at Vet's Park, Vietnam Park Field needs netting, Community House 17th St Entry Doors, Golf Simulator, Irrigation for Central Park, Neshotah Park Pathways & Concession Stand, Neshotah Park Play Equipment fundraising efforts.

B. Ice Rink and Skate Rental Operation - January Revenue \$415, may remove in early March as weather permits

C. Staff Updates - Laura Hooper promoted to new Office Manager, Taylor Pokorski hired 2/19/24 as Recreation Clerk, interest in adding additional part time before summer.

D. Program Updates -

- Recreation Programs - Lots of kids signed up for programs, may need to cancel swimming - not enough lifeguards, summer school will have swim lessons.
- Events - Lots of sponsorships coming in :) Bunny Breakfast & Leprechaun Hunt coming soon, Bands on the Beach/Concerts in the park schedule released.
- Senior Center - 70th Anniversary of the Senior Center coming up! Party in August.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS

10. NEXT MEETING

March 13, 2024 at 6pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Dan Cortte, Seconded by Travis Kadow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hooper

Office Manager
Two Rivers Parks & Recreation