



**TWO  
RIVERS**  
WISCONSIN

# ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

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## MINUTES

### 1. ROLL CALL

Present Board Members: Daniel Cortte, Travis Kadow, Kathy Peterson, Dorothy Tinkham Delo, Jason Scharping, Robert Reed Jr., Chase Mathias, Adam Wachowski- Council Rep.

Excused Board Members: Brian Gallagher, Justin Klinkner, Chase Mathias, Jeff Dahlke-Council Rep.

Also Present: Greg Buckley- City Manager, Mike Mathis- Parks and Recreation Director, Megan Marsh- Parks and Recreation Clerk

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 10, 2023

Robert Reed Jr. Established Motion to Approve

Daniel Cortte 2nd the Motion

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

Mike- Received emails in regards to Neshotah beach plans about not adding more parking, maintaining green space and adding bocce ball courts.

Dorothy- Had feedback from multiple mothers and women about leaving the playground equipment in the same area-making it safer for mothers with children of all ages to watch for their children. Suggested adding benches for mothers and grandmothers to sit while at the playground.

Rob- Took suggestions over the last month and agreed that paid parking is a great idea to create revenue. Not for residents, but perhaps use a free sticker system. Agreed that adding bocce ball courts would be a great addition to Neshotah Beach and Park.

Dan- Feedback from people he has talked to suggests no paid parking.

Travis- A resident had contacted him in regards to purchasing old playground equipment. Suggested to mark with spray paint or flag where the new playground is going to go.

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

Dean- Make Peirce St a one way street for child safety. Suggested road counters at the beginning of the park/beach for counting the number of the people that go through the beach.

John G- Future baseball field should not be removed and keep it a diamond for the people that come back and want to use the ball diamond for their families, just update the playground and tennis courts.

Ann- Add bocce ball court instead of more tennis or pickleball courts. Wanted to know why the playground is being split up. Keep the baseball field. Suggested no more parking- the park/beach does not have a parking problem. Doesn't agree with athletic turf being that the maintenance is expensive and we already have green space.

Leave playground current equipment where it is and just update to new equipment.

Clean the trees in between the ballpark for a walking path. Get rid of wooden picnic tables- they are falling apart.

Adam- \*Answered Public Comments\* One way traffic- There are multiple parks close up to the road and are safe both here in town and in other surrounding areas. Playground equipment is for all ages. Splitting up the equipment is to help navigate the whole park and utilize the park as a whole instead of just a portion of the park. Artificial grass was for planning for the future and bringing new families from other places to explore new, upcoming, year round equipment.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Neshotah Park and Beach Master Planning**

Blake- Central location to the beach and back of the park and connect to make a better hub, better soil for the use, and increase usage of the space.

### **2. Review planning process timeline and proposed output.**

#### **Master Planning Timeline**

1. February 15 th ARB Meeting – Feedback and discussion from ARB on master plan goals and timeline presented by Parks & Recreation Direction.
2. March 14 th ARB Meeting – I propose using this ARB meeting as a public forum to receive feedback on a full draft master plan. We will promote this meeting as a public open house. We will also release an online public survey for those who cannot attend the open house.
3. April ARB Meeting – Staff will collect all the feedback from the community and present it to the ARB along with a revised draft master plan. The board will discuss any changes needed to the Master plan and could potentially vote to recommend the plan to City Council on this date.
4. May ARB Meeting – Potential continued conversation and approval of master plan.
5. May/June – Presentation of the master plan to City Council.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **8. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

1. Neshotah Playground Purchasing Update
2. Central Park Update
3. Spring Program Guide

## **9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS**

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

March 21st, 2023

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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