
Waupun Recreation Board
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2020

The Waupun Recreation Board will meet on Monday, January 27, 2020 at **4:30pm** at the Waupun Senior Center, located at 301 E. Main Street, Waupun.

Call to Order – Vice President Ewerdt called the meeting to order at 4:35pm

Roll Call

Members present: Jan Harmsen, Mike Matoushek, Beth Lienhard, Amy Ewerdt, Brian Markus, Bobbie Vossekui

Members absent: Larry Sullivan

Others present: Jeff Daane, Rachel Kaminski, Jacob Van Den Berg

1. Persons Wishing to Address the Board, David Long via Phone– Gaga Ball Request

Long would like to install a gaga ball pit in a city park. Gaga ball is similar to dodgeball and requires a pit with waist high walls and a playground ball. Long offered to fund the project and pay for supplies and equipment. He is not requesting any funds from the city or Recreation Board. Size of the pit is 18 feet across and shaped like an octagon. Long requested the baseball complex as a potential location. After further discussion for pit location, Dodge Park was selected as the primary location and McCune as second choice. Daane stated that DPW will assist with the project. Markus is willing to help with mason work if concrete is used for base. WARP may contribute funds to the project. Harmsen will discuss with WARP to see if they would be interested in donating concrete for the project. In the future, WARP may contribute to another pit.

2. Recognition of Recreation Board Appointment - Brian Markus welcome and thank you.

3. Approval of the Monday, September 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes - Approved by Lienhard, second by Matoushek

4. Discussion Items

2020 Pool Information – Jacob Van Den Berg, YMCA of Dodge County

Van Den Berg provided a picture for the new flyer. Budget for 2020 has been approved. Recommended opening and closing dates – June 6, 2020 to August 23, 2020. Recommended swim lesson session dates – June 15, July 6, July 20, and August 3. Online swim lesson registration will be available again in 2020.

Candace Wohjan free swim program request to use the pool June 8 – June 11 in the morning for children and in the evening for adults. Season pass prices seem to be in line with other surrounding communities.

Recommendation by Van Den Berg to keep pass rate at \$125.00 family pass, daily rate \$5.00, Swim lessons \$30.00, Senior discount all week and weekend for \$2.00, Military discount active or retired family season pass of 15% off regular price. Online registration in 2019 was 233 out of 300 sold. Online registration was a little difficult at first, but now has been fixed. Suggestion of opening the pool at noon vs. 1:00pm on Saturday and Sunday, the cost for this would be \$3,000. To help cover this increase it was suggested to close the pool 1 hour earlier Monday - Friday and stay until 8:00pm on Saturday and Sunday. Van Den Berg will bring costs for 3 options discussed to next meeting. Needed Supplies & Equipment- Suggestion was made for Volleyball, bean bag toss or spike ball, etc. in the green space that is available. ATM request was made last year and it was not put in so there is still a want for it. Daane will follow up with that. Lawn chair count is down, Daane purchased about 50 of them last year and will get them out there this year when the pool opens. Pool noodles, basketball nets, fanny packs for guards are needed. Pool painting was approved by Council and will be done this year per Daane. Chalking and minor repair will be done by city.

Canoe/Kayak Launch Fundraising – Jeff Daane, City of Waupun- \$33,000 for launch to be done. Grants have been filed, City council approved ½ of that so we will need to find a fund raising to help cover the cost. It was suggested by Daane to send out flyers to hospital, gyms to see if they would donate for a health and exercise benefit of a launch. The first launch will be in Mill Pond with Pine Park second site. Kaminski will draft a flyer and bring to next meeting.

5. Updates

Park Tree Replacement Donations-Trees are in and Ren’s Nursery will be getting about 30 trees of mixed kind and some of the money will be needed toward stump removal. There was a question about the Lion’s Club donation. Kaminski will look into this.

Recreation – Rachel Kaminski, City of Waupun – In 2019, the Senior Center recorded the highest attended year yet. Nearly 14,00 attendees. Many new programs, activities and events were added. Fitness is now five days a week. New partnerships created through the Waupun Community Coalition on Aging. 2019 Park Program attendance was discussed. Recommendation to operate the Park Program in 2020 as the same at 2019. Dementia Friendly business and public places that Kaminski has trained so far include Brookes Shoes & Repair, Waupun Public Library, Waupun Fire Department, Waupun Police Department, Rock River Eyewear. American Family Insurance is scheduled for February. Other places that have been trained are Viaggio Message & Wellness Center, Waupun Senior Center, and Marshfield Clinic. Kaminski is offering this training for free to anyone who is interested. 2020 Spring - Summer Recreation Guide will be started shortly. Kaminski made the Rec Board aware and asked if they have any recommendations on who or what should be included in the guide. Information will also be asked on Facebook. Senior Center rental application will be reviewed to possibly allow alcohol. This process will wait to mirror the policy of the City Hall auditorium.

6. Future Meetings/Gatherings of the Waupun Recreation Board

a. Monday, February 24, 2020 at **4:30** pm at the Waupun Senior Center

7. Adjournment motion made by Harmsen, second by Matoushek

Rachel Kaminski, Recreation Program Director