



**Parks and Recreation Board Minutes
Wednesday, April 16 , 2025 – 5:30 pm
Cravath Lakefront Room
312 W. Whitewater Street
Whitewater, WI 53190
Hybrid Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Stephanie Hicks, Neil Hicks, Dan Fuller, Steve Ryan, Deb Weberpal, and Kathleen Flemming.

Absent: Mike Kilar, and Justin Crandal

Staff: Kevin Boehm, Michelle Dujardin, Megan Groen, Jennifer Jackson, and Ethan Cesarz

Guest: David Stone

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motioned by Neil Hicks. Seconded by Stephanie Hicks. Ayes: Neil Hicks, Steve Ryan, Deb Weberpal, Dan Fuller, Kathleen Flemming, and Stephanie Hicks. Absent: Mike Kilar and Justin Crandal

3. Hearing of Citizen Comments

- a. No Citizen Comments

4. Staff Updates

a. Director's Report

i. Kevin Boehm

1. Megan introduced the new Whitewater Aquatic & Fitness Center Logo
2. April 12- over 50 kids attended the Easter Egg Hunt at WAFC
3. Summer Camp registration opens May 1st

ii. Michelle Dujardin

1. Christmas At Cravath is going to be more exciting with real reindeer on December 18th.
2. Megan & Michelle hosted a table at the UWW Wellness Fair with great attendance
3. New Walking In Whitewater is released and turned out great
4. Concert In The Park lineup was released
5. Lakes Resolution goes to City Council on May 6th

5. Considerations/Discussions/Reports

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve SEWRPC Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Cravath and Trippe Lakes

- i. Dujardin introduced plan.

Motioned by Steve Ryan to approve the SEWRPC Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Cravath and Trippe Lakes to move forward for City Council approval. Seconded by Kathleen Flemming. Ayes: Neil Hicks, Steve Ryan, Deb Weberpal, Dan Fuller, Kathleen Flemming, and Stephanie Hicks. Absent: Mike Kilar and Justin Crandal.

- b. Conversation Starter examples for creating a Mission and Vision Statement and Core Values

- i. Boehm introduced examples and current Mission Statement. Board discussion took place.

Motioned by Deb Weberpal to create the mission statement as; The mission of City of Whitewater Parks and Recreation Department is to provide exceptional services that enhance the quality of life for all who live, work, and play in Whitewater. Seconded by Stephanie Hicks. Ayes: Neil Hicks, Steve Ryan, Deb Weberpal, Dan Fuller, Kathleen Flemming, and Stephanie Hicks. Absent: Mike Kilar and Justin Crandal.

Motioned by Stephanie Hicks to create the vision statement as; Whitewater will be a city where nature, recreation, and well-being, and deeply-woven into daily life-making our parks essential destinations for welcoming spaces, dynamic programs, and exceptional services with a strong sense of community pride. Seconded by Kathleen Flemming. Ayes: Neil Hicks, Steve Ryan, Deb Weberpal, Dan Fuller, Kathleen Flemming, and Stephanie Hicks. Absent: Mike Kilar and Justin Crandal.

- ii. Board gave direction to work with created mission and vision statement to bring back core value examples.

- c. Discussion on Park and Open Space Plan

- i. Boehm introduced copy of past open space plan. Board gave direction to approach the plan in phases and work as a team at future meetings for each section.

6. Future Agenda Items

- a. Core Values 2025 Q1
- b. Election of Chair & Vice Chair 2025Q1
- c. Update Special Event Application 2025 Q1
- d. Whitewater Creek Nature Preserve Planning 2025 Q1
- e. Skate Park Update/Planning 2025 Q1

7. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment at 6: 25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Dujardin

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