



City of Appleton

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Meeting Agenda - Final-revised Parks and Recreation Committee

Monday, May 8, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers, 6th Floor

1. Call meeting to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call of membership

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

[23-0490](#) Minutes of the April 24, 2023 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Attachments: [Minutes of the April 24, 2023 P & R Meeting.pdf](#)

5. **Public Hearing/Appealances**

6. **Action Items**

[23-0479](#) Approve the Committee Meeting Schedule modification of Parks & Recreation Committee beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Legislative History

5/3/23 Common Council referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee

[23-0456](#) Resolution #4-R-23 To Support Pollinator & Wildlife Habitats in Ellen Kort Peace Park

Attachments: [#4-R-23 Ellen Kort Park Now Mow Resolution.pdf](#)

Legislative History

4/24/23 Parks and Recreation Committee held

This item is held until the May 8, 2023 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting

7. **Information Items**

8. Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of the Common Council may be present during this meeting, although no Council action will be taken.

Reasonable Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities will be made upon Request and if Feasible.

**We are currently experiencing intermittent issues/outages with our audio/video equipment. Meeting live streams and recordings are operational but unreliable at times. This is due to delays in receiving necessary system hardware components. We continue to look for solutions in the interim and we hope to have these issues resolved soon.*



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1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call of membership

Others: Dean Gazza, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management; Attorney Behrens, Legal Services; Alderperson Hartzheim, District 13, Alderperson Doran, District 15

Present: 5 - Siebers, Alfheim, Hayden, Schultz and Wolff

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

[23-0425](#)

Minutes of the April 10, 2023 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Attachments: [Minutes of the 4-10-23 P & R Meeting.pdf](#)

Alderperson Wolff moved, seconded by Alderperson Schultz, that the Minutes of the April 10, 2023 Parks & Recreation Meeting be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Siebers, Alfheim, Hayden, Schultz and Wolff

5. **Public Hearings/Appearances**

None

6. **Action Items**

[23-0427](#)

Elect Vice-Chair for the Parks & Recreation Committee

Alderperson Wolff unanimously elected vice-chair 5-0

[23-0428](#)

Set Meeting Date and Time for the Parks & Recreation Committee

Meeting date and time will be on the first and third Monday of the month following the first Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. subject to Council approval. 5-0.

[23-0429](#)

Designate Contact Person for the Parks & Recreation Committee

*Director Gazza is the contact person for the Parks & Recreation Committee meetings
5-0*

[23-0456](#)

Resolution #4-R-23 To Support Pollinator & Wildlife Habitats in Ellen Kort Peace Park

Attachments: [#4-R-23 Ellen Kort Park Now Mow Resolution.pdf](#)

This item is held until the May 8, 2023 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting

Aldersperson Schultz moved, seconded by Aldersperson Alfheim, that the Report Action Item be held. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Siebers, Alfheim, Hayden, Schultz and Wolff

7. Information Items

[23-0426](#)

Lundgaard Park Update

This item was presented

[23-0460](#)

Dance Studios Update

This item was presented

8. Adjournment

Aldersperson Schultz moved, seconded by Aldersperson Alfheim, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Siebers, Alfheim, Hayden, Schultz and Wolff

RESOLUTION #4-R-23

TO SUPPORT POLLINATOR AND WILDLIFE HABITATS IN ELLEN KORT PEACE PARK

Date: April 19, 2023

Submitted By: Alder Wolff – District 12, Alder Del Toro – District 4, Alder Schultz – District 9

Referred To: Parks & Recreation Committee

WHEREAS, May is a critical month for emergent pollinator populations which are supported by new growth and development of grasses, flowers and trees; and mowing during this period has been shown to have a negative impact on insect populations as well as the vast food web they support, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton recognizes the importance of preserving and protecting the environment in which we live, permanently adopting the practice of NoMowMay in 2022 which encourages the growth of beneficial natural habitats for pollinators by allowing all citizens to voluntarily postpone the mowing of their emergent lawns, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton is committed to supporting sustainable practices to preserve our natural resources and protect the environment for future generations and has been working to identify and implement No-Mow or Reduced-Mow zones in many localized areas of neighborhood and community parks, but to date has not showcased the good work it is doing in a significantly visible way, and;

WHEREAS, Ellen Kort Peace Park remains largely undeveloped presenting a unique and centralized opportunity to showcase the City's support of the NoMowMay initiative, and also to significantly support pollinator and wildlife habitats,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Appleton's Parks and Facilities Department shall suspend the mowing of the Ellen Kort Peace Park during the month of May to allow for the establishment and growth of natural habitats for pollinators, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ellen Kort Peace Park shall be monitored for and conduct removal of any hazardous or noxious plants that could threaten the general public as well as conduct any trailside grooming through the Park as necessary to maintain a safe and walkable trail way.