

Parks and Recreation Committee
Mon, Jul 10, 2023, 6:15PM • 7:40

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 00:03

All right. It's July 10, 2023. It's 6:15pm. I call to order the Park and Recreation Committee meeting. We'll stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

All Present 00:17

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 00:34

All right. Let the record show that all members are present.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 00:41

Go to 23-0807 minutes of the June 12, 2023. Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Do I hear a motion to approve those minutes?

Alderson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 00:52

Move to approve.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 00:53

Is there a second?

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 00:54

Motion has been made and seconded to approve the minutes. Any changes? Any questions? All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Chair votes aye. Five, zero.

Alderson Nate Wolff (District 12) 00:54

Second.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 01:08

There's no public hearing or appearances. So we'll go to action items. 23-0809 adopt proposed revised Reid golf course and Appleton Memorial Park storm utility agreements for stormwater ponds. We all got a memo from director Gazza. Do I hear a motion?

Alderson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 01:29

So move.

Alderson Nate Wolff (District 12) 01:30

Second.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 01:34

Mr. Gazza, do you have anything you want to add? Okay, you do want to add something?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 01:42

I was just gonna say if there if there's any questions. I think it was self—kind of self-explanatory in that the fees get looked at every year. They were updated. They haven't been updated for some time. And—but if there's any questions, be happy to answer them.

Alderman William Siebers (District 1) 01:58

Any questions? All right. Motion has been made and seconded to approve this item. All in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed? Chair votes aye. Five zero.

Alderman William Siebers (District 1) 02:13

23-0811 request approval of the final design sexual assault survivors monument placed within Ellen Kort Peace Park. Do I hear a motion?

Alderman Nate Wolff (District 12) 02:24

Motion to approve.

Alderman Patrick Hayden (District 7) 02:25

Second.

Alderman William Siebers (District 1) 02:25

Second? Any questions? Any comments? Alderman Schulz?

Alderman Alex Schultz (District 9) 02:35

Thank you, Chair. I guess the question is simply—well, first, recognize that the party that did some fundraising we should recom—commend them for, you know, taking the time to make it, to get it done right, and produce the funding to get this memorial funded for the for the placement. I guess I'm just curious to know, site selection, how that was approved? And where specifically we're going to see this in the park and how that'll affect the future park plan.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 03:05

Yep, absolutely. The specific location is basically you have on the city of Appleton property, and then you have the WE Energy property. So it's just on the city of Appleton property because we don't have, you know, control and long-term control over the We Energies property other than the easement. So down by the river by the path, so that way the path can be installed between the trail and the monument. So it'd be ADA assessable.

Alderman Alex Schultz (District 9) 03:39

So it looks like this was one of the select the site selections for future sculptural installations was kind of [indecipherable].

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 03:46

The concept plan that we had before, realizing that, yeah, we'll have to move and adapt things in. So this monument wasn't specifically known at that time, so it isn't shown in that particular location. But it'll be able to be adapted into the overall design and still keep the original concept in place.

Alderman Alex Schultz (District 9) 04:10

One more thought. Di the individuals responsible for bringing this forward present to the arts committee? I was uncertain whether that happened.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 04:18

She was out of town and asked the department if we would represent, and so Tom went there to answer questions because he's overseeing installation. But per your initial comment about commending the fundraising, this went down to the level of elementary school students actually raising money towards the monument and so forth. So it was quite broad, and then also a lot of community supporters, Myron construction and others, have donated their—whether it be labor or materials in addition to the money that was collected to be able to make this happen.

Alderman Alex Schultz (District 9) 04:59

I just, I want the records to reflect that I'm very pleased to see that they took some recommendations from the committee when at the time when we were looking at the initial proposal, and how maybe that was not quite the right fit, and that there were some suggestions about making that feel a little bit more integral to the to the park design. And they did a lot of great work, I think, with **[Volta?]** to bring forward a proposal that didn't look, you know, as Mousoleum-esque as a phrase that we thought initially look like. So I'm very—just want the record to reflect that I'm very pleased to see what they brought forward, support it, and I'd like to have a conversation prior to Council with the individual and just, you know, commend the efforts.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 05:46

Absolutely. It'll fit the park well.

Alderman Alex Schultz (District 9) 05:48

Thank you.

Alderman William Siebers (District 1) 05:50

Anybody else? All right. Motion's been made and seconded to approve this item. All in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed? Chair votes aye. Five, zero.

Alderman William Siebers (District 1) 06:03

Leads us to information items. 23-0810 Reid golf course, June 2023, participation, Revenue and Expense Report. Mr. Gazza, did you have any comments?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 06:15

Nothing more than sounding you know, somewhat sound like a broken record. We're almost \$120,000 ahead of last year, which is we're just thrilled with, and continue to be busy regardless of the—I mean, the weather's been conducive. But at times when the weather gets too warm, it also has the same effect of an almost on a rainy day—it's relatively slow. But it hasn't held people back, and it's busy every single day. So that will help us increase our ability to put more money into account for long-term expenses and capital improvements, which, you know, we had no money in there a few years ago. And as we're trying to pay back long term debt, we're three years away from paying back both the loan to the city and also the loan that was taken out privately for some improvements there way back, must be 20-30 years ago.

Alderman William Siebers (District 1) 07:12

Sounds good. If nobody has anything else, do I hear a motion to adjourn?

Alderman Nate Wolff (District 12) 07:25

Motion to adjourn.

Aldersperson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 07:26
Second.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 07:27

Motion's been made and seconded to adjourn. Anybody want to oppose that? All in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed? Chair votes aye. Five zero. Were adjourned. Thank you, everybody.

Aldersperson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 07:36
Thank you.