

CITY OF VERONA

MINUTES

PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order by acting chairperson Paul Schmidt at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Mark Giesfeldt, Heather Reekie, Paul Schmidt, Brad Stiner. Excused: Jon Turke. Also present: Dave Walker, Parks Director; Casey Dudley, Recreation Director; Andrew Bremer, MSA Professional Services.
3. Moved by Giesfeldt, seconded by Reekie, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting of the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Andrew Bremer from MSA Professional services was at the meeting to kick off the 2016 Park and Open Space Plan update. Topics of discussion included the timeline for completion of the project, review of a community survey to be mailed out in April, and a review of goals from the previous plan completed in 2006.
5. The Commission reviewed a concept plan for the Kettle Creek North subdivision which was scheduled to go before the Plan Commission in April. The concept included a large neighborhood park approximately 5 acres in size along the northern extension of Hemlock drive but was not attached to the previously dedicated parkland north of Country View elementary school. The Commission had no major issues with the concept but would scrutinize it further prior to submission of the preliminary plat.
6. The Commission considered a request from Holly and Jerry Benzine for food truck vending at Connor Field. Dave Walker reported that the LaCrosse club had requested that the Benzine's be allowed to vend at the field during their games because spectators currently had no options to purchase food or drink and the Club's own efforts to provide concessions did not work.

The Commission debated the issue at length and in the end declined the request out of concern that approval would set a precedent for food truck vending elsewhere and the close proximity to existing fast food restaurants that could satisfy the need for food and drinks during the limited number of events at the fields.

7. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Stiner, to deny the application by Fork in the Road to supply mobile vending at Connor Field during Lacrosse games. Motion carried 3-1.
8. Moved by Reekie, seconded by Giesfeldt, to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Time 8:30 p.m.

Paul Schmidt
Acting Chairperson