

CITY OF VERONA

MINUTES

PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Jon Turke at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Jon Turke, Heather Reekie, Brad Stiner, Mark Giesfeldt, Paul Schmidt. Also present: Dave Walker, Parks Director; Casey Dudley, Recreation Director; Sarah McDonald, MSA Professional Services; Carter Arendt, MSA Professional Services.
3. Moved by Giesfeldt, seconded by Reekie, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2016 meeting of the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission. Motion carried 5-0.
4. The Park Commission reviewed the final draft of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) prepared by MSA Professional Services. Sarah McDonald from MSA was at the meeting and discussed edits that were made to the plan following discussion of the draft at the July meeting. The Commissioners had no further amendments to the Plan and were prepared to forward it to the Common Council for adoption.
5. Moved by Reekie, seconded by Turke, to approve the City of Verona five-year Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan as prepared by MSA Professional Services. Motion carried 5-0.
6. The Commission reviewed the final Master Plan for Fireman's Park that was prepared by MSA Professional Services. Highlights of the Plan included a new shelter, a splashpad, a new playground, and expanded parking. The final plan had been refined from three broader concept plans that were discussed at the July meeting. Cost estimates for implementing the plan ranged from \$2.7 million to \$5.2 million and varied significantly based on the size and scope of individual improvements.
7. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Giesfeldt, to approve the Fireman's Park Master Plan as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Casey Dudley presented the Recreation Department 2017 operating budget request. The budget included a modest net increase of just over \$5,000. The Commission had no issues with the request.
9. Moved by Giesfeldt, seconded by Reekie, to approve the 2017 Recreation Department operating budget as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Dave Walker presented the 2017 Parks and Urban Forestry operating budget requests. Highlights of the budgets included slight increases in utility costs and an additional full-time staff request in the Park budget.
11. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Reekie, to approve the Parks and Urban Forestry 2017 operating budgets as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Moved by Reekie, seconded by Giesfeldt, to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Time 8:45 p.m.

Jon Turke
Chairperson