

PARK BOARD

CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the Wednesday, September 16, 2015:

BOARD MEMBERS	:	Mickey Nelson	Dan Aitken
		Sue Gillespie	Sylvia Klas
		Betsy Wharton	Lynn Schoen
		Larry Udstuen	
STAFF PRESENT:		Michael Mroz	Assistant Public Works Director
		Tony Johnson	Public Works Director
		Patty Heraty	Deputy Clerk

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at City Hall and was called to order by Mike Mroz at 4:30.

Roll Call found members Nelson, Gillespie, Wharton, Aitken, Klas, Schoen, and Udstuen present.

Members Schoen and Gillespie moved to approve the minutes of 8/19/15 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Additions/changes to agenda: None

Public Comments: Jim Kuhlman from the campground was present to discuss item 1 on the agenda.

General Business:

1. Campground policy change. Mr. Jim Kuhlman from the campground is requesting the board consider changing the current policy for the campground to not allow a camper to transfer their camping site with the sale of their trailer. Mr. Kuhlman stated that there are 2 people interested in his camper, one is already in the campground and the other person is on the waiting list. The campground lease states that the site cannot be subleased or transferred however the board can make an exception if they choose to do so. The policy is currently in place to allow those campers already within the campground to move to a better spot if one becomes available. Staff informed the board that if they were to allow the transfer of the site they would be setting precedence. The board discussed the request and it was decided to table the item until the next regular meeting so that more information can be obtained. Staff will research how other campgrounds handle the situation and check with the campers that have expressed a desire to move to see if they would be interested in the site.
2. Pool Improvements. Staff is requesting the board approve purchasing the following items for the pool with \$60,000 that has been allotted from the CIP fund for pool improvements:
 - a. Pool Slide
 - b. Climbing Wall
 - c. Basketball Hoops
 - d. Diving Board
 - e. Large Umbrellas

Board members were provided with a quote from Recreonics for the items proposed. Staff is also proposing to resurface the pool deck with the funds remaining after the purchase of the above items however a quote has not yet been received for this. Board members discussed the

information provided and expressed concern about increased liability insurance costs. Staff will revisit the pool deck resurfacing when more information is received.

Board members Schoen and Nelson moved to approve the purchase of the items as proposed and quoted from Recreonics contingent upon information received from insurance and to forward to council with a recommendation for approval. Adopted unanimously.

3. Warming House. Staff is requesting the board approve improvements to the Warming House at the Athletic Field. Public Works Director Tony Johnson reported that there are funds available in the current budget for the project and has advertised for bids with a deadline of 3pm today for the following improvements:
 - a. Replacement of exterior doors
 - b. Installation of insulation and tin on outside of structure
 - c. Replacement of the overhead door in garage area
 - d. Replacement of the treated deck in front of the building
 - e. Replacement of two windows

The following 2 bids were received:

- a. Roemer Construction - \$18,650
- b. Carrels Construction \$20,106

Board members discussed the information and bids received. After all discussion, Board Members Aitken and Nelson moved to approve moving forward with the low bid from Roemer Construction with a recommendation to council for approval. Adopted unanimously.

Old Business

Staff updated the board on the following projects:

1. Geese cull – Tony reported that he received information back from the DNR and the since the geese are domestic geese and not Canadian geese, they are not a protected species. He also reported that he has had interest with helping the city cull the geese herd.
2. Kathy Geraghty has approached the city with a request to add recycling containers to areas thru out the city. Tony reported that he has talked to Bev Baker from Wabasha Rubbish and she has recommended against this as it will be a lot of time for staff because all items would need to be separated (clear glass; brown glass; plastic; paper etc..) and even with separate containers for the items people still tend to throw items in the wrong bins. Board members suggested staff ask Ms. Geraghty if she has volunteers that would be willing to separate the items for recycling. No action was needed.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2015 at 4:30 at City Hall. Having no other business, members Nelson and Schoen moved to adjourn at 5:18 pm. Adopted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Patty Heraty, Deputy Clerk