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## MINUTES

### PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 5:15pm

City Hall Lower Level Training Room

5:15pm CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Meeting convened at 5:15pm.

**Members Present:** Susan Reese (Chair), Sean Downing (Council Rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Patricia LaRue, Jim Nordgren and Dennis Zielski

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Cindi Danke-*Recreation Manager*; Reid Wronski-*City Engineer*; Amy Peterson-*Development Services Director*; Brandy Howe-*City Planner*; Mike Stifter-*Operations Director*; Nate Croes-*City Forester*; Tom Schwalen-*City Maintenance Supervisor*; Eric Viessman-*Public Works Maintenance*; Brenda Rundle-*Recreation Assistant*

**Others Present:** Todd Erickson-*Engineer with Gerrard Corporation*; Amanda Prosser-*Landscape Architect with ISG*; Kyle-ISG; Ben Fochs-local citizen

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

MSC Nordgren/Downing to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2018 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindi discussed the Naming Rights Policy passed by City Council on 12-13-16 about renaming the new dog park, as there is a petition on Facebook to change the name at this time.

### OLD BUSINESS

Amanda Prosser shared design photos and discussed ISG's recommendation to use Vortex as the vendor to supply splash pad items because they offer a superior warranty period, less water consumption, more play features, more color options, ability to swap components, and age zone separation, among other benefits. The 95% CD review meeting will be November 14, 2018.

Todd Erickson with Gerrard Corporation showed a map and explained how storm water can be handled at the new DeSanctis Park Villas on Division Street. An infiltration pond north of the schoolhouse could be lined and serve as a year-round water surface of about 8' deep. Underground storm water piping would bring rain water from the new development and new street to the new pond. Todd said the pond

would fill after the first good snow melt, and the approximate 18" of annual rain should keep the pond filled. Park Board was also told that concerns about algae growth would be best addressed by community education in fertilizers, and that a fountain would adversely affect the process of maintaining the water feature. Park Board seems to feel a pond would be a nice addition to DeSanctis Park, assuming it actually contains water. Park Board encourages Gerrard Companies to continue working with the City engineering department. Any further questions about park design could come back to Park Board.

Amy Peterson says we need to send the DeSanctis Villa plan to the DNR for approval. The DNR is wondering why the 1994 plan has not yet been implemented. Park Board recalls that it was intended to be a passive park, and most conversations ended with "when there is water and sewer," which hasn't happened yet due to lack of funds. Now it's time to look at DeSanctis and move forward as money permits. Park Board will consider their vision for DeSanctis Park and share ideas at the next meeting.

City Council member Sean Downing suggested a 25% larger pool, proportional to surrounding communities the size of River Falls. With public/private partnership donations to help fund it so the City retains complete control, and affordable for residents with the focus still on the master plan. Others on Park Board feel we need to focus on the master plan and that it would be very difficult to receive enough in donations to fund a larger pool, as we are already asking for donations to fund the splash pad and the nature playground. In addition, Park Board seems to agree that Glen Park is meant to be a green park with open space.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MSC Larue/Zielski to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle, Recreation Assistant