

## JOINT PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE/BOARD

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

A meeting of the Joint Park and Recreation Committee/Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson Wiegand in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

**Roll call:** Members Wiegand, Vandertie, Stults, Hagman, Larsen, Kleist and Bordeau were present. Members Husby and Morrow were excused. Also present were, City Administrator McNeil and Municipal Services Assistant Lenius.

**Adoption of agenda:** Moved by Mr. Stults, seconded by Ms. Kleist to adopt the following agenda.

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of: *Allowing Dogs in Sawyer Park for Bark for Life event April 25, 2015*
5. Discussion of: *Goose Control Options at Sunset Park – Presentation by USDA Wildlife Services*
6. Discussion of: *Little Lake Updates*
7. Adjourn

All in favor. Carried.

**Nobody spoke during public comment.**

**Consideration of Allowing Dogs in Sawyer Park for Bark for Life event April 25, 2015:** Mr. Bordeau stated that dogs have been allowed in the parks for similar events such as the Door County Humane Society's Bark in the Park. Jen DeBroux from the Animal Clinic of Sturgeon Bay explained they held this event that raises funds for the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life in their parking lot this year, but feel they lost people due to the small size of the location. She said the park would give them more room for their event and that if they are allowed to use Sawyer Park and the shelter they would make sure everything was cleaned up.

Moved by Mr. Vandertie, seconded by Mr. Hagman to recommend to council to approve the request to allow dogs in Sawyer Park for the Bark for Life Event on April 25, 2015. All in favor. Carried.

**Discussion of Goose control options at Sunset Park:** Mike Jones from USDA Wildlife Services gave a presentation that outlined the damage that can be caused by geese as well as ways to control and reduce the number of geese at Sunset Park and other locations throughout the City. Some options include habitat modifications, fence barriers, scare devices, repellants and population management. He suggested using a variety of tactics for best results. He also stated there may be grant funding available through the WI DNR to help cover a portion of the expense.

It was recommended to hold a public informational session at the next Joint Park and Recreation Committee Board Meeting in October and to place a newsletter in the next Sturgeon Bay Utility billing to let people know about the options and invite the public to the meeting.

**Discussion of Little Lake Updates:** Mr. Bordeau stated the design for the engineered wetland is completed and has been bid out. The total cost of the project is \$340,000 of which \$260,000 has been raised.

**Adjourn:** Moved by Ms. Kleist, seconded by Mr. Stults to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lenius  
Municipal Services Assistant