

JOINT PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE/BOARD

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

A meeting of the Joint Park and Recreation Committee/Board was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Vandertie in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

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

Adoption of agenda: Moved by Mr. Hagman, seconded by Mr. Morrow to adopt the following agenda.

1. Roll Call
 2. Adoption of Agenda
 3. Public Comment
 4. Consideration of: *Allowing donations of book libraries in City Parks*
 5. Discussion of: *Goose Control Options at Sunset Park – Presentation by USDA Wildlife Services*
 6. Adjourn
- All in favor. Carried.

Nobody spoke during public comment.

Consideration of Allowing donations of book libraries in City parks: Mr. Bordeau stated that two individuals have requested to donate the little free libraries to the City to be placed in the parks; one at Martin Park and one at Sawyer Park.

Stella Rogers, 308 S. 12th Avenue stated the little free book libraries allow residents and visitors to come take a book to read and return or keep. It also allows people to place books in it they no longer want for others to read. She has one in front of her residence and had built one for the street art auction but since it was not purchased would like to donate it to Martin Park. She would supply the City with books to restock the library but did not want the responsibility to steward the library any longer. She said that during the season, she would re-stock it daily and make sure there were no books in there that were inappropriate including pornographic or too religious in nature. She stated the entire time it was at the park there was no vandalism to the library, but would request it be moved to a different location in the park to help prevent damage from the mowers and snow plows.

Mr. Bordeau explained there would be some cost to the department associated with maintaining the book libraries that would include the cost of a concrete pad and staff to check and restock the books. Mr. Vandertie suggested Ms. Rogers speak with the Door County Library Board to see if they would be interested in stocking and maintaining it. Mr. Larsen commented that when something like this is placed on public property and is maintained by the City, it becomes more complicated than when on private property. Mr. Husby agreed that while the idea of the book libraries are good they should look for a group or person to organize the maintenance of the book supply. Mr. Morrow suggested that Ms. Rogers check with the Sturgeon Bay Visitor Center to see if they can store the library indoors until she is able to find someone to manage it.

No action taken.

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.

The public that attended was given an opportunity to speak.

The committee requested a plan be put together for controlling the geese to be considered at the November meeting.

Adjourn: *Moved by Mr. Hagman, seconded by Ms. Kleist to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer Lenius
Municipal Services Assistant*