

JOINT PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE/BOARD

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

A meeting of the Joint Park and Recreation Committee/Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Vandertie in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call: Members Vandertie, Stults, Catarozoli, Larsen, Kleist and Bordeau were present. Members Morrow, Hagman and Husby were absent. Also present was City Administrator Josh VanLieshout, Mayor Thad Birmingham, Police Chief Arleigh Porter, City Engineer Chad Shefchik, and Municipal Services Secretary DeGrave.

Moved by Ald. Catarozoli, seconded by member Chris Larsen to adopt the following agenda:

1. **Roll call.**
2. **Adoption of agenda.**
3. **Public comment.**
4. **Consideration of: Weed Ordinance**
5. **Consideration of: Bike Trails in Big Hill Park**
6. **Adjourn.**

All in favor. Carried.

Public comment.

No public comment.

Consideration of: Weed Ordinance

Kent Wickman, 1358 Memorial Dr. complimented the DPW for their work on the cutting of water weeds. Mr. Wickman stated the invasive phragmites are creeping down Memorial Drive as well as Little Lake and that it is spreading quickly. He would like to see Door County phragmite free. Krista Lutzke from the Door County Soil & Water Conservation Department spoke and stated their department would be at the disposal of the City of Sturgeon Bay to help rid the city of phragmites, that they have contacts available to help, as well as grant funds. Ald. Catarozoli stated she thought a change to the current weed ordinance would help with the enforcement of the ordinance. Member Kleist agreed.

Motion by Ald. Catarozoli, seconded by Ald. Stults, to recommend to Council to change the Noxious Weed Ordinance 10.19 (1) Definition. to include "Noxious weeds" as used herein includes the following: Canada thistle, leafy spurge, field bindweed (creeping jenny), ragweed, and invasives on Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources invasive species list. All in favor. Carried.

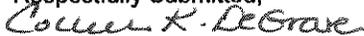
Consideration of: Bike Trails in Big Hill Park

Jacque Jadin, the Door County Trails Vision Coordinator gave a presentation on a possible mountain bike trail and pump track being installed at Big Hill Park. She thought the location would be ideal due to the flat top of Big Hill Park and the fact that it is currently underutilized. Ald. Vandertie asked if other locations had been considered. She stated other locations that had been discussed were the YMCA and the John Miles County Park, as well as Potawatomi State Park. Randy Sabs, 6445 Berg Rd. spoke about the possible benefits to the local high schools and helping to possibly launch mountain biking teams at the schools, which would then use the trail and track. Ms. Jadin stated a typical single track typically ranges from 9-13 miles long. Ald. Stults expressed his concern with placing the trail or pump track in a residentially located park. Ald. Vandertie did not think this was the right location, but that having the trail and track would be beneficial to Sturgeon Bay. Thad Birmingham, 909 Jefferson Pl. spoke and stated Big Hill was a neighborhood park and not a destination park so he did not feel this was the right location, but thought the City should embrace the idea of implementing these at another location. Member Bordeau said he felt a pump track or skills track would outgrow Big Hill park but was okay with a mountain bike trail being placed there. Chad Shefchik, 930 Oregon St. spoke in support of the trail and track at another location. Ald. Vandertie and Member Bordeau stated they would help Ms. Jadin with contacts like the YMCA etc. at future meetings if needed.

Motion by Ald. Stults, seconded by Ald. Catarozoli to adjourn. All in favor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Colleen DeGrave

Municipal Services Secretary