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**AGENDA
PARKS COMMISSION
THURSDAY, November 5th, 2015
Minutes**

Pursuant to Section 19.82 of the Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given that the park commission of the city of Fitchburg, Dane County Wisconsin, will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 6th, 2015 in the Council Chambers at the Fitchburg City Hall, 5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711 to consider the following:

1. Call to Order

Chair Person Terra Them called the meeting to order 7:00 P.M.

In attendance: Alder Jake Johnson, Karen Lawrence, Mark Vivian, Andrew McClannahan, and Director Scott Endl.

Others in attendance: Patrick Cheney

Absent: Zyronia Mims and Eric Wilcots

2. Approval of Minutes – October 1st, 2015 meeting

Jake Johnson moved to amend agenda items #5 – Mark Vivian 2nd. Motion Carried.

3. Public Appearances

A. Non Agenda It

4. Communication

A. UW – Madison URPL Partnership – N. Fish Hatchery “Neighborhood” Center Study Update

Scott Endl provided an update on this work and reminded the Commissioners that there will be a presentation on this information at their December 17th meeting.

B. December 3rd meeting moved to December 17th – URPL Students presentation.

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C. Holiday Party

Scott Endl informed the Park Commission of the upcoming Holiday Party scheduled for Sunday, December 13th from 1-4 pm. This event will be held in the Fitchburg Community Center.

D. Forester/Naturalist position update.

Scott Endl provided an update on the recruitment of this position. Applications will be taken until Sunday, December 6th. Interviews will occur in 2015 with a new hire to begin in early 2016.

E. Community Gardens Open House – November 19th.

Scott Endl reminded the Commissioners of the November 19th Open House scheduled to discuss potential locations for Community Gardens.

5. Review and Approve Agenda

Karen Lawrence moved to approve agenda, 2nd by Jake Johnson. Motion Carried.

6. Discussion/Action McGaw Park Natural Resources Management Plan – Kevin Short, Ed Bartell, and Philip Krahn – Open House/Public Meeting – Nov. 18.

Kevin Short provided a brief update on the power point that will be presented to the public on November 18th. This will provide an opportunity for staff to share with the public continuing details of this project. Opportunity for the public feedback and thought will also be provided.

7. Discussion Dog Park Update – Alder Jake Johnson.

Alder Jake Johnson provided information regarding work that he and the Dog Park advocates have conducted. Staff will evaluate dog park options and provide a summary report in early 2016.

8. Discussion/Action Rezone Request RZ-2080-15 by Ronald Klaas, Agent for Fahey Land, LLC, to Rezone a Portion of Lot 2 CSM 9896 from the A-T (Transitional Agriculture) District to the A-X (Small Lot Agriculture), a Portion to the P-R (Parks & Recreation), a Portion to the R-H (Residential-High Density) and a Portion to the R-LM (Residential-Low to Medium Density) Districts

Scott Endl provided an update on this item. Many questions were posed and answered. Mark Vivian moved to approve with listed below comments:

- Path construction off site (west end of development adjacent to OL 1) shall be paid for by developer
- Recommending that developer include lots #96 and #97 as part of their parkland dedication

Andrew McClannahan 2nd, Motion Carried Karen Lawrence voted no.

Patrick Cheney, 5211 Kittycrest spoke and registered in opposition of this item.

9. Discussion/Action Final Plat Request FP-2081-15 by Ron Klaas, Agent for Fahey Land, LLC, for the Final Plat of Fahey Fields

Scott Endl provided an update on this item. Many questions were posed and answered. Mark Vivian moved to approve with listed below comments:

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- Recommending that developer include lots #96 and #97 as part of their parkland dedication

Andrew McClannahan 2nd, Motion Carried - Karen Lawrence voted no.

Patrick Cheney, 5211 Kittycrest spoke and registered in opposition of this item.

10. Discussion/Action Preliminary Plat request, PP-2092-15, by Chris Ehlers of William Ryan Homes, agent for O'Brien Family Limited Partnership, for the Stoner Prairie Preliminary Plat.

Scott Endl provided an update on this item. Many questions were posed and answered.

Jake Johnson moved to approve with below comments,

- Park Commission will not accept parkland under the overhead power lines
- Need to include trail on the north side of Lacy Road
- Maintain current schedule for fee in lieu of parkland dedication

Karen Lawrence 2nd. Motion Carried - Mark Vivian voted no.

11. Discussion NSGC Contract 2016 – 2020

Scott Endl provided a time line for this contract. This will appear on the December meeting agenda.

12. Staff Reports/Updates

- A. Recreation
- B. Forestry
- C. Parks

13. Future Agenda Items

- A.

14. Announcements As Allowed By Law

- A. The next 2 Park Commission Meetings will be held on December 17th, 2015 and January 7th, 2016

15. Adjournment

Karen Lawrence moved to adjourn, 2nd by Jake Johnson. Motion Carried 10:06 pm

Minutes provided by Scott Endl