

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**
Regular Meeting Wednesday, February 19, 2020

DeAnna Clemens
Alan Hansen-Begg
Danette Painschab
Joel Skoog
Tim Staloch
Ryan Trucke
Adam Pawelk

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Danette Painschab called the Watertown Park Commission meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Park Commission members present: Painschab, DeAnna Clemens, Terry Gallagher and Tim Staloch.

Council liaison: Adam Pawelk. Staff members present:

City Administrator Shane Fineran and Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Tschudi.

CLEMENS MOVED, STALOCH SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

2. New Business

A. Approve minutes from the January 15, 2020 Park and Recreation Regular Meeting

STALOCH MOVED, GALLAGHER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 15, 2020. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Sugarbush Park Improvements

City Administrator Fineran stated the Sugarbush Park improvements were originally looked at in 2019. City council directed staff to push the implementation of the park improvements into 2021 to make sure adequate time was given to improvement considerations.

Fineran said the public input session in 2019 was well received. Some themes for the future included: changing the configuration, relocating the play container, better pedestrian access, move to somewhere less wet. Fineran highlighted some of the specific play features requested by residents. Fineran noted the challenges with the land: grade fall-off, utility mains running through the parcel.

Fineran said he gave Flagship the challenges mentioned and they provided a concept for the space. Fineran noted there would be some grading required to fit the new container system. The estimated cost for the entire project would be \$114,000. Fineran showed a trail segment connecting Madison Street SE to County Road 10 which would run through Sugarbush Park. This trail segment is identified in the Trail & Sidewalk Master Plan. Bolton & Menk identified this segment costing \$104,000.

The Park Commission discussed the park concept. They agreed that relocating the park container would be the first priority. The second priority would be targeting the younger age group of 2-5 year olds only since Madison Green Park is so close. The third priority would be to complete the trail segments. Painschab believes the older kids' segments are important for the kids who do not want to cross County Road 10. Pawelk remembers from the public input session the residents suggested more independent play items.

Fineran suggested having a design workshop with Flagship now that the commission knows what type of equipment they would like to see at Sugarbush Playground.

Fineran updated that this is Commissioner Staloch's final meeting with the Park Commission as he is moving out of state. He also updated that moving forward, when a term is up for a commissioner, they will have a "review". Fineran explained this will give commissioners an opportunity to offer suggestions to staff and council or vice versa.

3. Adjournment

CLEMENS MOVED, STALOCH SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:27 PM.
ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.