



## Watertown Park Commission Meeting

DeAnna Clemens  
Terry Gallagher  
Danette Painschab  
Joel Skoog  
Brad Kipp  
Brian Lonquist  
Adam Pawelk

7/21/2021 - Minutes

### 1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Park Commission Chair Danette Painschab called the Watertown Park Commission meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Park Commission members present: Painschab, Terry Gallagher, Brian Lonquist, DeAnna Clemens, Brad Kipp, and Jack Lynch.

Council liaison: Adam Pawelk.

Guest: Bailey Wolf with Flagship Recreation

Staff members present: Interim City Administrator Jeff O'Neill and Administrative Services Director Lynn Tschudi.

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

### 2. New Business

#### 2.A. Park Minutes From May 19, 2021

**KIPP MOVED, LONQUIST SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2021. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.**

#### 2.B. Wildflower Park Concepts From Flagship Recreation

##### 2.B.i. Wildflower Park Concept Plans

Interim City Administrator Jeff O'Neill introduced himself to the park commission. O'Neill said the Wildflower Park is in the Capital Improvement Plan for 2022 budgeted at \$86,945. O'Neill said that Landscape Structures and Flagship are under the state contract pricing so there is no need to seek additional quotes for the equipment.

Bailey Wolf with Flagship Recreation introduced herself to the commission and explained what Flagship Recreation does for Landscape Structures. She shared the Wildflower Park concept 1 with the Park Commission. The structures cover ages from 2 – 12 years of age. Equipment includes slides, rock wall, spinner, chin up bar, and swings.

Wolf showed the commission concept 2 which included flower toppers and more whimsical play. This concept showed more nets, a topsy turny, side by side slide, and swings. Clemens asked what ages are covered in the concept 2 as it is not as obvious. She also asked about installing topper shades. Wolf said that certain structures are able to have shades added. She said concept 2 is aimed toward ages 5-12. Kipp said he thinks the Wildflower playground should be for ages 2-12, with the 2-5 separated from the 5-12. Painschab asked how tall the flowers are on concept 2. She is concerned about kids climbing them. Wolf will check with her designer, but the flowers have been approved for safety reasons.

Park Chair Painschab stated that the Park Commission has historically used reds and blues as the colors for the parks in the City. Kipp asked about designing a custom shade piece for the park. Wolf said that can be done but it may cost additional. Pawelk is not in favor of spending money on the flowers, but would like to see an additional structure added or a shade.

Wolf said the material suppliers for Landscape Structures have increased prices by 8% in the past week. Commissioners asked if the project is a 2021 or 2022 project. Tschudi said this is planned for 2022.

Park Commission decided to present concept 1 at a community engagement session and provide additional options for residents to choose.

Painschab shared that the Park Commission prefers holding community engagement sessions at the park sites being reviewed. Wolf said she is happy to attend the community engagement session. Park Commission discussed ADA standards with Wolf.

### 3. Updates From Staff

O'Neill updated on the hockey rink paving corrections that are needed from the 2020 Mill & Overlay. He also updated on the turf to native project.

### 4. Adjournment

GALLAGHER MOVED, LONQUIST SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:59 PM.  
ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

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Danette Painschab, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynn Tschudi, Admin. Services Director