

**CITY OF EAU CLAIRE
WATERWAYS AND PARKS COMMISSION
(Meeting Minutes)**

February 26, 2020

Members Present: Joshua Miller, Ron Doering, Susan McLeod, John Bodkin, Meredith Ball, John Lor, Kirk Dahl, Ellen Faulkner

Members Absent: Jessica Schoen, Kate Beaton, Jenni Sterling

Staff Present: Jeff Pippenger, Steve Plaza, Pat Ivory

The meeting was chaired by Joshua Miller in the North Conference Room at City Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

Recognition: A plaque was presented to Tom Fiedler for his service on the Commission.

Business Agenda:

A. Recommendation on Carson Park Baseball Stadium Bleacher/Restroom Project. Jeff Pippenger provided an overview of the plans to construct new bleachers at the Carson Park Baseball Stadium. As part of the construction of the new bleachers, ADA-accessible new restrooms will be constructed underneath the back portion of the bleachers. New concession areas, dugouts, and storage areas will also be provided. The current metal bleachers were constructed in 1964 and were built to be portable to be moved each year between the baseball stadium and the football field located to the north.

The project consists of two new permanent bleacher structures – one each along both baselines. Each structure will seat approximately 456 spectators. In addition, the bleachers will provide an accessible, unimpeded viewing area for up to 38 wheelchairs. The sides and back of the bleachers will be enclosed with a rock-face CMP block that has a color and texture similar to that of the historic baseball stadium. Underneath the bleachers will be: ADA-accessible restrooms, a concession area, small retail area, and storage.

Jeff noted that the project will not affect the historic portion of the baseball stadium. The project was recommended for approval by the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Eau Claire Landmarks Commission.

Raivo Balciunas and Gareth Shambeau from Ayes Associates discussed the design and layout of the bleacher project.

Tom Fiedler asked questions related to locker room availability and the status of the turf

replacement project.

The Commission discussed the project and questioned if a family restroom could be incorporated into the design of one of the bleachers. They also suggested that the green trim on the bleachers and the stadium match in color.

ACTION TAKEN: John Lor moved to recommend approval of the project. Kirk Dahl seconded the motion. Meredith Ball then moved to amend the motion to indicate that a family restroom be considered within at least one of the bleacher structures. Susan McLeod seconded the motion. The amended passed with Ellen Faulkner abstaining. The main motion then passed with Ellen Faulkner abstaining.

B. Recommendation on the Implementation of an Adopt-A-Park Program. Steve Plaza provided an overview of a proposed Adopt-A-Park program. The program would encourage organizations to get involved and help maintain the City's parks and trails. Leadership Eau Claire has been involved in the development of the program and would also assist in its initial implementation.

Christopher Badtke and Lindsey Von Feldt from Leadership Eau Claire were present at the meeting and spoke in support of the program.

ACTION TAKEN: Ellen Faulkner moved to recommend approval of the program. Ron Doering seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Items.

-The Commission reviewed the special events listing and Director's Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Submitted by,
Susan McLeod, Secretary