

**WATERTOWN PARK AND  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

August 12, 2010

6:00 PM

Watertown City Hall, Council Chambers  
309 Lewis Avenue South

**Members Present:** Chair Danette Painschab; Commissioners, Adam Pawelk, Michael Walters, Daniel Ross, Council Liaison, Dan Geiger

**Members Absent:** Vice Chair, Joel Skoog, Commissioner Michael Madsen, Eric Billiet

**Staff Present:** Senior Planner, Crystal Foust

**Others Present:** None

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair Danette Painschab.

**2. ADOPT THE AGENDA**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. ROSS MOVED, SECONDED BY WALTERS TO APPROVE THE PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FROM JULY 8, 2010. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. RECOGNITION OF INTERESTED CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA**

NONE

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Community Park Master Plan-review 1<sup>st</sup> draft**

The Park Commission discussed the content of the Community Park Master Plan. The Park Commission discussed the field size in the master plan. They suggested expanding the fields to accommodate the size 70x120 yards. The Park Commission prioritized the components in the master plan. The streets and utilities and athletic fields was number 1, swimming pool 2, and community park building 3. The swimming pool and community park building may be a combined project in order to accommodate changing rooms and building necessary for the swimming pool. The Park Commission discussed and recognized that a pool is a significant cost for construction and operation, however the swimming pool was the number one response from

all the surveys, open houses, and feedback from the public. A splash pad is an alternative but it serves a narrow age group, mostly younger children. The Park Commission would like do more research on both options and provide the public with costs associated with each. They would like to have a consultant or company provide information for a water park that would be feasible for the size of Watertown. The Park Commission discussed asking the Council to conduct a feasibility study for the first step (streets and utilities) next year. The Park Commission would like more details for the timeline and costs associated with each component included in the Master Plan. The Park Commission appointed Commissioner Dan Ross and Michael Walters to serve on a subcommittee to create a prioritization plan to be included in implementation chapter of the master plan.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**7. STAFF REPORT**

None

**8. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

**A. Splatter Director**

The City is currently looking for a Director or group of young people to run the Splatter Program. Mr. Andrew Hatling has resigned from the position and is moving off to college.

**9. ADJOURN**

***THE AUGUST 12, 2010 WATERTOWN PARK AND RECREATION MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 7:34 PM.***

Respectfully Submitted,

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Crystal Foust  
Senior Planner