

Waukee Park Board Minutes – August 25, 2022

1. Roll call was taken at 6:03 p.m. Board Members present included: Troy Taylor, Blake Crow, Ali Payne, Mackenzie Kaplan and Megan McAtee. Members absent: Kellie Staiert, Cal Oraw, Josh Loeffeholz and Bridgit Horvatin.
2. A motion was made by M. McAtee to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by B. Crow. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by M. Kaplan to approve the May 19, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by M. McAtee. Motion carried.
4. Recreation Supervisor, Danae Edwards, presented an update on the 4th of July celebration event. The Board discussed road closures and potential of having them closed earlier. Staff will communicate better with the Board on when to meet the cone truck. Staff has discussed with police department about having more officers in the park during the bands to enforce fireworks and other activities.
5. Recreation Supervisor, Danae Edwards, presented an update on upcoming special events. Friday, September 23, will be the final movie in the park and the paint a pumpkin event. D. Edwards will need volunteers to help with the event. B. Crow mentioned that Capital City Fruit in Norwalk sells bulk apples. Waukee Canopy will be coming up on September 28. D. Edwards will also need volunteers for this event.
6. Board Member, Megan McAtee, discussed the possibility of Community Gardens. Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Jermier, said it has been brought up by other residents. M. Jermier had also discussed with other communities about success factors and potential ways to operate the gardens. Water source is a big issue when it comes to finding a good location. Staff has discussed possibilities of how to operate, location and it is on their radar for the future.
7. Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Jermier, presented an update on CIP projects. Sugar Creek Park is open now and the project will hopefully be fully accepted at the September council meeting. Triumph Park is open and contractors are currently still working through punch list items. Things are moving forward with the Heart of the Warrior trail west extension. Stratford crossing park is still going through planning options and will have to go through city plan review.
8. Board Member, Mackenzie Kaplan, asked about the bird scooter program. M. Jermier provided an update on where they currently stand and Jermier is planning to meet with them to discuss plans for rolling them back out in Waukee.
9. A motion was made by M. McAtee to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Motion was seconded by A. Payne. Motion carried.

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