

Waukee Park Board Minutes – January 20, 2022

1. Roll call was taken at 6:00 p.m. Board Members present included: Ethan Owens, Josh Loeffelholz, Troy Taylor, Blake Crow, Ali Payne, and Mackenzie Kaplan. Members absent: Bridgit Horvatin, Kellie Staiert, and Megan McAtee.
2. A motion was made by E. Owens to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by A. Payne. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by A. Payne to approve the November 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by E. Owens. Motion carried.
4. Recreation Supervisor, Danae Edwards, presented an update on the Winterfest event. The Board and Staff discussed positives and negatives of the event.
5. Recreation Supervisor, Danae Edwards, provided an update regarding this year's spring/summer program guide. Staff will continue to do a digital brochure guide that will be available online. The dates for Movie in the Park will be June 3, July 3, and August 12th. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 16, and will plan to use the baseball fields like last year.
6. Recreation Supervisor, Danae Edwards, presented an update regarding the 4th of July event. The dates this year will be Sunday, July 3, and Monday, July 4. New events this year will include a pie eating contest and a bubble gum blowing contest. The parade will be held on Monday, July 4, at 10:30 a.m. and will follow the same route as last year. Inflatables will be held in the park this year from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. and tickets will be sold from noon until 1 p.m. in the park on Monday, July 4. The Board and Staff discussed staffing/volunteering options for the inflatables and event.
 - a. D. Edwards presented the Board with the band options for the event. The Board discussed the options and preferred to move forward with Bird Child as the main act and Mint as the opening act. Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Jermier, presented the Board with a potential new stage for the band that would be larger and have a better overall aesthetic. The Board liked the stage and recommended moving forward with it.
7. Recreation Supervisor, Danae Edwards, presented the inflatable contract for Midwest Inflatables for the 4th of July event. The Board discussed prices of wristbands for the inflatables and potential alternatives/ideas.
 - a. A motion was made by M. Kaplan to approve the contract for Midwest Inflatables. Motion was seconded by T. Taylor.
8. Director Jermier presented an update on CIP projects. Sugar Creek Park has all trails, pickleball courts, posts for fencing, and the foundation for the restrooms are in. The playground equipment is expected to arrive on March 1.
9. Director Jermier presented his director's report. Jermier gave an updated regarding the Bird Scooter program and where it currently stands. Hiring advertising has gone out to the public on social media and Staff is currently looking at hiring around 120 part time staff members.
10. A motion was made by A. Payne to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Motion was seconded by T. Taylor. Motion carried.

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