

## **Waukee Park Board Minutes – August 12, 2021**

1. Roll call was taken at 6:03 p.m. Board Members present included: Mackenzie Kaplan, Blake Crow, Ethan Owens, Bridgit Horvatin, Ali Payne, Josh Loeffelholz, and Troy Taylor. Members absent: Megan McAtee and Kellie Staiert.
2. A motion was made by E. Owens to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by T. Taylor. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by A. Payne to approve the June 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by E. Owens. Motion carried.
4. Discussion regarding the Independence Day Celebration was held; board members recommend keeping the new route and time the same for future years and mentioned the possibility of a “stay back” line along the parade route. Director Jermier informed the Board that staff and Council were looking to head in a new direction for the 2022 event, which means to cancel the current contract with the carnival company. A new subcommittee was formed to brainstorm new ideas for the event and includes; A. Payne, B. Crow, and B. Horvatin.
5. Board approved WinterFest’s date as Friday, December 3 and Saturday, January 15 for FamilyFest’s date. Board also agreed to cancel the Haunted House this year due to COVID.
6. Director Jermier presented an update on the Sugar Creek Park; bid opening for the park scheduled for September 8 and construction is set to begin on October 1. With this project, we are using cooperative purchasing for playground and surfacing supplies.
7. Director Jermier presented an update on the Kettlestone Greenway Trail Project Phase 5; the Department is applying for a REAP grant which could award us \$125,000 for the completion of the project phase.
8. Director Jermier presented an update on the Heart of the Warrior Trailside Improvements Plan located to the south of Winfield Park. City staff have been working with the Waukee Rotary to identify a location for a butterfly garden. This plan would include the construction of a small parking lot at the location of the old county shed, connection to the Heart of the Warrior Trail, granular walking path, plantings consistent with the look of the Warrior Lane Corridor and the Waukee Rotary Butterfly Garden.
9. Director Jermier presented an update on Sugar Creek Golf Course’s Fiscal Year-end Report; board members asked if the new driving range area will be open to the public and Director Jermier replied that it would be dependent upon the construction of University Avenue and staffing and equipment for the new range area.
10. Director Jermier presented an update on Triumph Park Construction.
11. Director Jermier discussed hosting a Park Tour in September that would travel through all of Waukee’s parks and provide valuable information and visuals to the board members.
12. A motion was made by T. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion was seconded by E. Owens. Motion carried.

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