

## **CITY OF VERONA**

### **MINUTES**

### **PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022**

1. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Tyler Powers at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Tyler Powers, Heather Reekie, Paul Schmidt, Phil Hoechst, Mark Giesfeldt. Also present: Dave Walker, Parks Director; Casey Dudley, Recreation Director; Pat Groom, New Parks Director, Even Touchet, Common Council.
3. Moved by Reekie, seconded by Powers, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting of the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Dave introduced new Parks Director, Pat Groom, to the Commission and thanked everyone for the support of the Parks Department throughout his tenure. His official last day is Friday, January 21.
5. Dave updated the Commission on previous discussions regarding the winter path maintenance along Badger Mill Creek. Previously, it was voted on not maintain the path during the winter months. Evan Touchet mentioned the high volume of use and the concern for safety due to slippery conditions caused by the trail not being cleared of snow and ice. Reekie noted that she had emailed constituents for input on the matter, with large support of clearing the path of snow and ice. A motion was made by Giesfeldt and seconded by Schmidt to clear the entire path of snow with the intent to limit the use of salt. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Casey updated the Commission on the current lifeguard pay scale and the struggle to attract and retain guards due to current rate of pay. It was proposed that the City match the current pay structure for lifeguards of the School District. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Reekie. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Moved by Reekie, seconded by Schmidt, to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Tyler Powers  
Chairperson