

CITY OF VERONA

MINUTES

PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Mike Bare at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Mike Bare, Heather Reekie, Paul Schmidt, Mark Giesfeldt. Excused: Charlotte Jerney. Also present: Dave Walker, Parks Director; Casey Dudley, Recreation Director; Adam Sayre, City Administrator; Fred DeVillers, Forward Development Group; Dave Jenkins, Forward Development Group; Ron Henshue, Forward Development Group.
3. Moved by Reekie, seconded by Giesfeldt, to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting of the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Dave Walker updated the Commission on the progress of the Firemans Park project. Several weeks of site work were left before project completion but the main features would be ready for the park to open on June 21 including the shelter, splashpad, beach area, and parking lot.
5. The Commission again reviewed updated plans for the Whispering Coves subdivision. Forward Development Group presented a fly through video of the development as well as site plans with amenities for all the park areas. Commissioners liked the overall plan but debated the same issues as previous meetings including whether or not the cul-de-sac pocket parks should be considered parks, how much credit the large wetland area should be given toward parkland, and whether the linear trail corridor was sizeable enough.
6. Moved by Bare, seconded by Schmidt, to accept parkland as proposed for Whispering Coves with the following contingencies: 1. No parkland credit would be given for cul-de-sac park areas, 2. The wetland/conservancy area would be granted 50% credit toward parkland if it was restored and planted as a native habitat, 3. The boardwalk shown along the south side of the conservancy was to be omitted, 4. The central park feature where the E-W and N-S paths meet was to be enlarged by approximately one-half acre. Motion carried 4-0.
7. The Commission reviewed the Parks Department Five-Year Capital Plan. Few changes were made from the previous year with the exception of a couple playground replacements and the timing of some new park projects based on the projected pace of development.
8. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Bare, to approve the Parks Department Five-Year Capital Plan as presented. Motion carried 4-0
9. Moved by Bare, seconded by Giesfeldt, to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Time: 8:35 p.m.

Mike Bare
Chairperson