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MILWAUKEE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
6:00 PM
North Conference Room

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order, Roll Call
Chair Knuth called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Chair Daniel Knuth
Committee Member Gary Berg
Committee Member Ronald Dorszynski
Committee Member Karen McNarney
Vice Chair Kenneth Quant
Committee Member Karen Stern
Committee Member Michael Gross -- **Absent**

Also present were Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies and Mequon resident Bill Spaulding.

- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. October 24, 2019 Minutes

RESULT: **Approved [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Committee Member Dorszynski
SECONDED BY: Committee Member McNarney

AYES: Knuth, Berg, Dorszynski, McNarney, Quant, Stern
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- 3) Committee Discussion of Unfinished Business

- A. Discuss river users Facebook page and Google Calendar

- i. New Facebook page titled "Milwaukee-Thiensville Milwaukee River News"
 - ii. Ken setup open Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/mtrivernews> and email account.
 - iii. Intended to be an informational page, not a forum.
 - iv. Includes flood water inundation map.
 - v. Have 24 followers currently.
 - vi. Promotion: Word of mouth,

- vii. City can include alerts
- viii. Committee members recommended to request to be a friend so they can become administrators.
- ix. Members recommended sending postcard to river property owners to publicize Facebook page now that Facebook page is established. Will be voted on at next meeting.
- x. Could put stickers with Facebook page information on current river signs.

4) New Business

- a. 2020 Mequon Park and Open Space Plan, attending a Park and Open Space Board Meeting
 - i. 5-year plan required to qualify for DNR grants.
 - ii. Plan is available for viewing online.
 - iii. Attempting to accumulate background information from committees and constituent groups on potential projects for the City to use in its decision making.
 - iv. From the river advisory committee’s perspective, trying to highlight aspects of the rivers in Mequon so people can appreciate the Parks.
 - v. Looking for better utilization of parks.
 - vi. Mike Gies encouraged river advisory members to take part in a joint meeting with the Park and Open Space Board in June.
 - vii. River-related projects and issues will be brought to the committee later this year, probably September / October.
 - viii. Awaiting decisions on funding for various suggested improvements.
 - ix. Would be able to solicit private donations for improvements.
- b. Upcoming calendar year events (Arbor Day, boat parade, clean up)
 - i. Arbor Day Sunday April 26th at River Barn Park.
 - ii. Fun B4 the Fourth: Boat parade is now fairly organic with no formal planning by the committee.
 - iii. Clean-up: Accolades for clean river efforts by various Ozaukee County groups in recent Milwaukee River Basin Report Card 2018.

5) Motion to Adjourn at 7:28 PM.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Chair Knuth
SECONDED BY: Committee Member Dorszynski

AYES: Knuth, Berg, Dorszynski, McNarney, Quant, Stern

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Deuster