

Waterloo Citizens for a Pool

7:00 PM Wednesday, June 1, 2022, Morrison Talbott Library

Attendees

Amy Grandcolas, President
Celeste Breitwiser, Treasurer
Eric Reinhard, Secretary
Dawn Rubemeyer, VP
Lea Brinson

Gina Pfund
Marge Francois
Jim Hewitt, Board Member

Meeting Minutes

Officer/Committee Reports

1. Amy Grandcolas called the meeting to order Gina made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes, Lea seconded the motion. The motion was carried without objection.
2. President – Amy reported to the Board that Waterloo Listens is having a 2nd Anniversary event and asked Amy to lead a discussion with the organization concerning community and public participation in local government. She also announced that at the same time as the current WCP meeting, that Pie Hard is having a trivia night and giving a "shout-out" to WCP. Amy Grandcolas advised that she has some updates that will be addressed later in the meeting.
3. Vice President – Dawn reported that the Porta Westfalica parade and event is June 21st. Tables are \$25, plus a percentage of any sales that are made. A discussion was held among the board and it was agreed to reserve a table to engage in public outreach. Volunteers to man the table were solicited from the board and it was decided that we would provide ice pops for children.
4. Treasurer – Celeste attended the meeting via Zoom and provided the board with her report via email prior to the meeting. The report was accepted by the Board without objection.
5. Secretary – The secretary had nothing to report.
6. Committees –
 - a. Amy informed the attendees that there remain T-Shirts and Signs available. T-Shirts are \$10.00 and signs are available at no cost. Amy indicated she will offer any remaining T-shirts for sale at the Porta Westfalica event. She also requested that the attendees continue efforts to keep following and sharing the social media posts for WCP.

Old Business

1. A recap of the May Park Board meeting was provided and it was reported that after discussion, the Park Board approved two of the Park District Board Members to join an advisory committee to explore financial options to move forward with a pool project. The Park District Board members that will join the committee are Gina Pfund and Michael Nolte. Amy expressed her excitement for having two persons who both see the need for a public pool and also bring a pragmatic view towards the economics and feasibility of such a project. Amy also addressed another article that was published in the Republic Times that discussed the efforts to build a pool.
2. It was then discussed adding City Alderman to the advisory committee and which Alderman may be a good fit in terms of alignment with their current Committee assignments. The next City Council meeting is June 6th and the attendees agreed upon approaching some Aldermen directly prior to the meeting to discuss the goals of the committee and explore their interest.

3. It was also discussed that it would make sense to have some members of the committee who are not members of WCP, the City Council, or the Park District to participate in the committee to facilitate having public/local business concerns addressed in the process.
4. Finally, Lea indicated that there are no new grant opportunities available and that, realistically, until there is progress with the local government in partnership on the project application for any grants would be difficult.

New Business

1. The attendees were reminded that the deadline to submit any ballot initiatives for the November General Election ballot is in August.
2. Dawn reported to the Board that our Edward Jones Financial Advisor Curtis Haentzler had provided proposals for investment of the funds collected in the capital campaign. The board discussed the various concerns with investing the funds including preservation of principal and also generating some income on the holdings. A motion was made by Gina to invest in a ladder of bank certificates of deposit with maturities at 3, 6, and 9 months so that the funds are available if needed. Eric seconded the motion and the motion carried without objection.

Open Comments

Celeste Reported that Final Lap Racing has been booked for the 2023 5K event, which will be on March 18 or 19 of 2023.

Action Items

1. Continue to Research bond measures and funding options
2. Continue to explore consensus building strategies with the Park District
 - a. Reach out to members of the City Council and Community Leaders to fill out the exploratory committee for the pool.
3. Porta Westfalica parade and event- manning a table with public outreach information.

Upcoming Meetings

Park District Board June 8, 7:00 pm, City Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room

General Assembly July 6, 2022, 7:00 pm, Morrison Talbott Library

Next Meeting Agenda Items

1. Progress on building an exploratory committee with Park District and City Council.