

Parks and Recreation Committee Agenda
January 21, 2020
Reedsburg City Hall, 134 S Locust Street
5:15 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2019:

THE COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT DISCUSS THESE TOPICS, AND WILL NOT TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THEM AT THIS MEETING

I. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Consideration of request from the Reedsburg Historical Society to place a historical marker at Webb Park.
- B. Consideration of request from Reedsburg Police Department to donate pool passes for the Cop Card Program.
- C. Consideration and discuss public art projects for Nishan Park.
- D. Discuss possible future Pickleball Courts in city parks.
- E. Consideration and discuss memorial bench at Webb Park for Tom Geimer.
- F. Deer Management update.

II. ADJOURN:



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The Parks and Recreation Committee convened in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 5:15 p.m. at Reedsburg Center Council Chambers with the following members present:

Present: Phil Peterson
Calvin Craker
Jake Stanek
Tom Seamonson

Absent: Aaron Bauer

Also Present: Administrator Tim Becker

Minutes: Moved by Seamonson, seconded by Craker to approve October 15, 2019 minutes.

Motion Carried 4-0

1. Consideration of renaming North Park to Wellness Park.

Moved by Craker, seconded by Seamonson to change North Park to Wellness Park.

Motion Carried 4-0.

2. Consideration and discuss possible names for new and existing facilities/parks.

Moved by Seamonson, seconded by Stanek to name Granite Avenue property to the “Granite Avenue Recreational Area”.

Motion Carried 4-0

Moved by Craker, seconded by Seamonson to name new park at Cottontail Rd and 20th Street “20th Street Park”.

Motion Carried 4-0

Moved by Stanek, seconded by Craker to name new park between Doris Rd and Bass Rd the “Northwest Recreational Area”.

Motion Carried 4-0

3. Update of on-going projects and programs.

No Action Taken.

Motion by Seamonson, seconded by Stanek to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

Motion Carried 4-0

Submitted by Matt Scott

Option: A & B

Size: 16" x 24"

Characters: 310 (out of 320)

Option A is one sided; Option B can have same text on each side of the marker

Reedsburg WWII POW Camp

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Option: C

Size: 36" x 24"

Characters: 314 (out of 396)

Option C is one sided; Option E is the same text on both sides of the marker

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Option: D

Size: 36" x 24"

Characters: 580 (out of 848)

Option D is one sided; Option F can have same text on each side of the marker

Reedsburg WWII POW Camp

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Option F is one sided; Option B can have same text on each side of the marker

Option: G

Size: 36" x 24"

Characters: 580 (out of 792)

Option G is two sided, with different text on each side – 396 characters per side

World War II POW Camps

Side #1 (348 characters out of 396)

Within months of the U.S. entering WWII, the United States began Accepting German and Japanese Prisoners of War. By the end of the War, nearly 600,000 POWs were in The U.S. They were sent to Base Camps across the country, before Being sent to smaller Branch Camps In local communities. They were used To offset the labor shortage.

Side #2 (304 characters out of 396)

Camp Reedsburg

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Option: H

Size: 36" x 24"

Characters: 1301 (out of 1696)

Option H is two sided with different text on each side

Side #1 658 characters (out of 848)

WWII POW Camps

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the United States Entered WWII. Within months, the U.S. began Accepting POWs, mostly German and Japanese. The POWs were sent overseas via ships, before they Were sent by train across the country to Base Camps. Once there, they were sent to smaller Branch Camps In nearby communities. The POWs were used to offset The labor shortage. Each POW was paid 80-cents per Day for their work. They could spend it in the canteen or save it until the war's end. By the end of the war, nearly 600,000 POWs were located across the country. The Base Camps were highly secure, while the Branch Camps often had very little security.

Side #2 654 characters (out of 848)

Camp Reedsburg

Camp Reedsburg was operational from June 1945 to August 1945. The camp was located at the north end Of Webb Ave, near where Webb Park is located today. The camp held 137 German soldiers that Worked on local farms and in canning factories. The soldiers lived in Army-style tents and had use of additional outbuildings on the grounds. After public outcry in the local paper about security, a snow fence was put up around the perimeter of the camp. Many residents watched from their houses on the bluff overlooking the camp as the soldiers played soccer and other games. On Sunday, it was common to hear the soldiers singing church songs in German.

Option: I

Size: 72" x 54"

Characters: 998 (out of 1196)

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Fort McCoy was the Base Camp that provided Branch Camps with the POWs. Camp Reedsburg Was operational from June 1945 to August 1945 And housed 137 German POWs. After public Outcry in the local paper about security, a snow Fence was put up around the perimeter of the camp. The POWs stayed in Army-styled tents and has use of additional outbuildings constructed for the camp. The men were used in agriculture and canning plants nearby.

Option: J

Size: 72" x 54"

Characters: 1301 (out of 2006)

Wisconsin Historical Marker:

Reedsburg WWII POW Camp

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the United States entered World War II. Within months, the U.S. began preparations to receive prisoners of war captured by the allies. In 1942, the first POWs arrived in the country. The POWs arrived on ocean liners and were transported throughout the country by railroad. Nearly 600,000 POWs were located in the U.S. Prisoners were stationed in large base camps and sent to Branch Camps in local communities to work. The POWs helped fill the labor shortage. POWs were paid 80-cents per day they worked and could spend it in the canteen, or save it for after the war when they returned home.

Fort McCoy was the Base Camp in Tomah, Wis. that supplied POWs to Branch Camps in Wisconsin. Reedsburg was one of 36 locations to house German POWs during WWII. Camp Reedsburg was located at the northern end of Webb Ave and was operational from June 1945 to August 1945. The camp housed 137 German soldiers in Army-styled tents, with additional outbuildings. After public outcry in the local paper about security, a snow fence was put up around the camp. POWs worked on farms and canning in factories in the region. Lumbering was another area in which POWs worked up north. They were sent to neighboring communities like North Freedom and Baraboo to work each day.

Carter, Matt. C. "Forgotten Camp: The Reedsburg Prisoner of War Camp"

Matt Scott

From: Sami Mittlesteadt <smittlesteadt@rsd.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 8:22 AM
To: Matt Scott
Subject: Cop Card Program

Hello Matt,

We are doing the cop card program with the hopes of handing cards out at the start of the next school year. The cop card program is a program where each officer has a baseball card and children (k-5th) have to attempt to get the whole deck. This program is trying to show kids that they can approach up and talk with us if they see us out and about.

When thinking about the prizes I wanted to keep some of them local for those kids who may not have transportation. I was hoping that the Parks Dept. would be able to give seven pool passes one prize for each school.

Please let me know if you have any questions, thank you,
Sami

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Matt Scott

From: Joann Mundth <joannmundthdouglas@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 1:42 PM
To: Matt Scott
Subject: Nishan Park Public Art Project

Hi Matt,

I've been working on some possible public art projects for Nishan Park.

One is shorter term with a lower budget, (\$5K or less) with a general community-building theme. (4 Peace Posts like those done in City Park.)

I'd be writing a County Arts grant for this one that's due 1/24 and the work would be done this summer, dates TBD, in conjunction with Nishan Park Events.

As you may recall, this one is participatory--community members (all-ages) make ceramic tiles that are embedded into posts by the artist. Each participating community member also writes a note that is sunk behind the tile. The artist puts it all together and installs the posts at an entrance to the Park. All of this pending Parks Committee approval, of course!

The other idea is longer-term, with a bigger budget (\$25-\$50 K) and is Reedsburg Baseball History themed. If you are interested, I'd like to float the idea, if possible, in a meeting with you and a committee counterpart before taking it to the Parks Committee.

Remind me, was it Phil Peterson who came to the Arts Committee meeting with you last year?

Thanks,

Joann

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