



City of Appleton

100 North Appleton Street
Appleton, WI 54911-4799
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Meeting Agenda - Final Parks and Recreation Committee

Monday, February 8, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 6th Floor

1. Call meeting to order

2. Roll call of membership

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

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Minutes of the January 25, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Attachments: [Minutes of the 1-25-16 P & R Committee Meeting \(2-8-16\).pdf](#)

4. **Public Hearings/Appealances**

5. **Action Items**

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RESOLUTION #1-R-16, Renaming the Fox River Properties to the Ellen Kort Peace Park
Mann, Meltzer, Martin & Williams

Attachments: [Resolution #1-R-16 Ellen Kort Peace Park \(2-8-16\).docx](#)

6. **Information Items**

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Erb Park and Pool Update

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Director's Report

7. **Adjournment**

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of the Common Council may be present during this meeting, although no Council action will be taken.

Reasonable Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities will be made upon Request and if Feasible.

For questions on the agenda, please contact the Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management Department at 920.832.5514.



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Meeting Minutes - Final Parks and Recreation Committee

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6:00 PM

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1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Roll call of membership

Others: Dean Gazza & Tom Flick, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management;
Aldersperson Jirschele, District 15; John Kneer, Rettler Corporation

Present: 4 - Aldersperson Martin, Aldersperson Croatt, Aldersperson Mann and
Aldersperson Spears

Absent: 1 - Aldersperson Dalton

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

[16-103](#)

Minutes of the January 11, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Attachments: [Minutes of the 1-11-16 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.pdf](#)

Aldersperson Martin moved, seconded by Aldersperson Spears, that the Minutes of the 1-11-16 Parks & Recreation Committee be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Aldersperson Martin, Aldersperson Croatt, Aldersperson Mann and
Aldersperson Spears

Absent: 1 - Aldersperson Dalton

4. Public Hearings/Appearances

None

5. Action Items

[16-109](#)

Action Item: Award contract to MSA Professional Services for design and engineering services for Erb Park and Pool for a contract of \$838,000 and a 5% contingency for a contract not to exceed \$879,900.

Attachments: [2016 Erb Pool Architect and Engineer.pdf](#)

Alderson Croatt moved, seconded by Alderson Mann, that the Report Action Item be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Alderson Martin, Alderson Croatt, Alderson Mann and Alderson Spears

Absent: 1 - Alderson Dalton

[16-142](#)

Action Item: Award contract to Alta Planning and Design for a contract of \$112,968 for the development of a Trails Master Plan

Attachments: [2016 Trails Master Plan Comm Memo.doc](#)

Alderson Spears moved, seconded by Alderson Martin, that the Report Action Item be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Alderson Martin, Alderson Croatt, Alderson Mann and Alderson Spears

Absent: 1 - Alderson Dalton

6. Information Items

[16-110](#)

Presentation by the Rettler Corporation on the Appleton Memorial Park Scheig Center Master Plan

Attachments: [Scheig Center Master Plan PDFs -11x17 maps smaller.pdf](#)

John Kneer from Rettler Corporation gave a presentation to the Committee

[16-111](#)

Erb Park/Pool Update

This item was presented

[16-112](#)

Director's Report

This item was presented

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Alderson Croatt moved, seconded by Alderson Mann, that the meeting be adjourned Roll. Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Alderson Martin, Alderson Croatt, Alderson Mann and
Alderson Spears

Absent: 1 - Alderson Dalton

#1-R-16

Mann, Meltzer, Martin & Williams

Renaming the Fox River Properties to the **Ellen Kort Peace Park**

WHEREAS, Ellen Kort, named Wisconsin's first poet laureate in 2000 by Governor Tommy Thompson, is revered and regarded by many residents of Appleton as a cherished author, teacher and mentor, having played a significant role in the founding of the **Fox Cities Book Festival**, authoring 11 books and 8 collections of poetry as well numerous parochial books, including **The Fox Heritage: A History of Wisconsin Fox Cities**, **The Art of Labor: Building the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center** and **Wisconsin Quilts: Stories in the Stitches**, named an Outstanding Book of Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Library Association, having received numerous awards, including the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Poetry Award, and the 2001 "Excellence In The Arts" Award among others, having taken part in Appleton's Compassion Project and having had her poetry installed in a number of public venues in Appleton including the Fox River Mall, the Appleton Heart Institute, City Center Plaza, and Appleton Public Library; is shown to have substantially contributed to the cultural significance and richness of Appleton; and

WHEREAS, Ellen used her skills as a poet and teacher to reach out to the Fox Valley community in numerous ways, teaching at local universities and schools and conducting writing workshops for at-risk teens, nurses, physicians and for survivors of cancer, AIDS and domestic abuse by sharing the fundamental tenants of her core beliefs, reflected in her indelible spirit of compassion and deep understanding of the human condition which manifested in aspirations of tolerance, acceptance, forgiveness and peace in her healing prose; and

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2015, The City of Appleton voted unanimously to move the land formerly known as the Appleton Water Treatment Plant on Water Street, the Fox River Properties, to the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the City's Master Plan for Jones Park and the Fox River Properties, adopted in 2006, envisions this segment of prime public waterfront as the primary pedestrian nexus of Appleton's Fox River presence with arterial connections to Downtown and the expanding Fox River Corridor's trails and parkways; and

WHEREAS, the naming of the Fox River Properties is in accordance with the NAMING OF PUBLIC PARK LANDS policy adopted by the City in 1997, satisfying #1 and #6 of the acceptable naming criteria, as well as written approval and support of Ellen Kort's next of kin; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Mayor Hanna presented a Proclamation to Ellen Kort - State of Wisconsin Poet Laureate – and designated February 27, 2001 as "Ellen Kort Day"; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED, that **on February 27th, Ellen Kort Day 2016**, the Fox River Properties be officially named the **Ellen Kort Peace Park**.