



## WPRA - Park Section

Tuesday, Jan 16, 2018 10:30 am  
Steven Point - Meeting Minutes

1. Call meeting to order *at 10:36 by Kremer*
2. Roll call – *all present with the exception of Gruentzel, Redlin, Peterson, Hilker*
3. Review minutes from 12/1/17 – *Motion to accept by Stinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cross, all in favor*
4. Welcome New Board Members 2018-19
  - Chair Elect: Dan Wick
  - Region 3: Joleen Stinson
  - Region 4: Erin Cross
  - Rep at large: Nikk Hilker
5. Unfinished Business –
  - a. 2018 Spring Workshop – *April 5 & 6. It has been confirmed that it will be held in Rothschild. Schedule is finalized and distributed. The flyer needs to be finished and get up on the website. Lunch will be Pulled Pork buffet. And tour will begin at 1:30 pm end at Bull Falls Brewery. There will be bus for those that are not interested in staying at brewery. Otherwise the bus will be back at the hotel at 6:30pm. Social will take attendees to downtown beginning at 8 pm. Only loose end is the snacks at the brewery. Kremer and Aumann will be going to brewery today to discuss it with management. Denise will take care of name badges. They will be sent to her along with the attendees and she will assemble and have them at workshop. The information needs to get on the website as soon as possible.*
6. New Business – 2018 Fall Conference
  - Schedule of times for the sessions have been distributed. 14 sessions could be planned. Committee Ideas*
    - PPE identification and job assessment.
    - Verbal JOD – How to deal with conflict for frontline staff about policies
    - Turf management (on budget), -Maintenance equipment schedule/replacement
    - SOP's for various jobs, -Land acquisition and development
    - Software in the parks, marketing. WIFI, inspections,
    - Trails asphalt vs gravel etc., DPW & Parks how they work together.
    - ADA information, - -Playground cover
    - Nature Deficit disorder – Prescription for Nature
    - Forestry related topics, --Trail building
    - Hiring and retaining staff
  - The rest of the board needs to get back to Jake by end of week with their thoughts about topics. A survey will go to parks section to see what is of interest next week. Once the topics are chosen each of the board members will be assigned to follow thru on the session for the convention.*
7. Other Business
  - a. Awards Promotion: Professional awards/ Design/ Section
    - Need to really promote the awards and get nominees. Suggestions were to contact the WI City Managers Association & Boards and Commission members of WPRA. Looking to change some of the criteria of the awards to get more nominees. Potential take out the WPRA involvement, however they must still be a member.

### Reports

- b. Chair – Kremer – *Looking to film the Design awards to upload to website for those who are not present.*
- c. Chair Elect – Wick – *No report*
- d. Past Chair – Anderson – *No report*
- e. Secretary/Treasurer – Denise Larson – *NO report*
- f. Region 1 – Peterson – *not present*
- g. Region 2 – Redlin – *not present*
- h. Region 3 – Stinson – *Region meeting on Friday*
- i. Region 4 – Cross – *Region meeting next wed.*
- j. Representative at Large – Aumann – *No report*
- k. Representative at Large – Hilker – *Not present*
- l. State Parks/DNR Rep Gruentzel – *Not present.*

- m. Urban Forestry Council Tony Nowak – No report*
- n. WPRA – Denise Larson –WPRA Meeting Jan 30 in Waunakee.*

*Next meeting will be online on Feb 20 10:30 pm.*

*Nowak motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aumann Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm*