

## REGULAR MEETING

**Tourism Commission**  
**December 19, 2023 - 7:30 AM**  
**Community Meeting Room**  
**933 Michigan Avenue**

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## MINUTES

### Discussion and Possible Action on:

#### 1. Roll Call.

Members present: Chair John Okonek, Mike Disher, Tom Schrader, Michelle Sedlak, Carrie Winn

Also Present: Parks Director Dan Kremer, Police Chief Bob Kussow, Assistant Police Chief Dana Williams, Shaun Przbylski, Matt Disher, Sara Brish, Kristy Stacy, Comptroller Corey Ladick, Alder Dean Shuda, John Harry, Kristeen Carne, Jason Besemer, Andy Felt

#### 2. Approval of December 13, 2022 meeting minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes as written by Schrader, seconded by Sedlak; motion carried 5-0.

#### 3. Review of 2023 and 2024 Tourism Commission financials and grant balance

No action - summary provided by Director Kremer of current financials, attachments in the packet included estimated funds on hand at year end 2023 and 2024 planned expenses.

#### 4. Central Wisconsin Children's Museum application requesting \$3,000.

Motion to award a \$1,500 grant contingent on the Central Wisconsin Children Museum fundraising the rest of the amount to hold the event being applied for by Disher, seconded by Schrader; motion passed 5-0.

#### 5. Stevens Point Softball Association summer tournament application requesting \$4,000.

Motion to award \$444 per tournament for the 9 tournaments requested for a total award of up to \$4,000; confirmation must be provided to the park's director for each tournament being held made by Schrader, seconded by Sedlak; motion approved 5-0.

#### 6. Polish Heritage Awareness Society of Central Wisconsin requesting \$6,500.

Motion to award \$2,000 towards the Polish Heritage Society of Central Wisconsin's event to pay for the music performers made by Disher, seconded by Sedlak; motion passed 5-0.

**7. Stevens Point Softball Association temporary fencing application requesting \$8,571.**

Motion to award up to \$7,000 to SPSA to purchase the temporary fence made by Disher, seconded by Sedlak; motion passed 4-0 with Disher abstaining.

**8. Stevens Point Youth Baseball Association application requesting \$10,000.**

The committee requested that the Stevens Point Youth Baseball Association come back to the Tourism Commission at a later date when the building design is completed and has been approved by the Parks Commission. The Tourism Commission stated they are supportive of this request but felt it was too early to award the grant until more information was provided, and the construction plan was further approved and developed.

Motion to deny the request was made by Disher, seconded by Winn; motion approved 5-0.

**9. Stevens Point Police Department requesting \$15,000.**

Motion to award \$5,000 to the Stevens Point Police Department for the chairs and monitors requested in the application made by Winn, seconded by Sedlak; motion approved 5-0.

**10. On Point Music Festival application requesting \$15,000.**

Motion to award \$5,000 to On Point Musical Festival contingent on the event happening in 2024 made by Disher, seconded by Winn; motion approved 5-0.

**11. Portage County Historical Society requesting \$19,760.**

Motion to award \$7,000 to the Portage County Historical Society's application made by Disher, seconded by Winn; motion passed 4-1 with Schrader voting no.

**12. Considering payment of the remaining pledge amounts on one or more of the previously awarded multi-year grants.**

Motion to approve paying the full remaining balance of the Zenoff Park Turf Infield project in 2024 made by Disher, seconded by Sedlak; motion approved 5-0.

**13. Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn made by Schrader, seconded by Sedlak; motion carried 5-0 and meeting was adjourned at 8:35 am.