

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the May 2, 2012 Minutes**
- 3. Geese/duck concerns in Pfiffner Pioneer Park**
- 4. Request to hold Fund Raising Event in Memorial Park on Sept. 15, 2012 (Southside Park Fundraising Committee & American Legion Post 6)**
- 5. Director's Report**
- 6. Adjournment**

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Freckmann, Glodosky, Hall, McDonald, Okonek, Sorenson, Ald. O'Meara, Ald. Slowinski, Ald. Wiza

Excused: Bahling

Absent: West

Also Present: Director Tom Schrader, Betty Bruski Mallek, Barb Jacob, Chris Wiza, Val O'Meara, Nick Krupp and Emily Watkins

**2. Approval of the May 2, 2012 Minutes**

**Motion was made by O'Meara, seconded by Hall, to approve the May 2, 2012 minutes and place them on file.**

**Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.**

**3. Geese/duck concerns in Pfiffner Pioneer Park**

Director Schrader reported about the complaints received about the number of geese present in Pfiffner Pioneer Park and the effect they are having on the Park. Most of the complaints are about the residue they are leaving on the trail and grassy area in front of the Bandshell. This Board addressed this issue first back in 2003 but let it go until it becomes a major issue. This being a drought year the rain isn't washing away the residue. The only grassy area being irrigated at this time is the area in front of the band shell and this is creating a great food source for the geese concentrating them in a small area. After researching and talking with experts the Parks department has started the harassment method of control as a starting point this year and it seems to be working well. Volunteers are using the plastic clappers and the geese are leaving the area.

Commissioner Freckmann stated the ducks and geese don't like vegetation that grows up along the river, maybe we should discontinue the mowing close to the banks.

Commissioner McDonald stated it's disgusting, she's concerned about e coli. She would be in favor signs asking people not to feed the geese and ducks.

President Glodosky would be in favor of an ordinance banning the feeding of waterfowl. Many people could be affected by disease from these animals and their droppings.

Commissioner Hall stated bread is not healthy for ducks and geese and residents need to be educated not to feed them.

Commissioner Sorensen asked if they are nesting in this area. Director Schrader stated no, that they are nesting farther up north past Bukolt. Director Schrader stated if we have an ordinance, it will need to be enforced and who would be doing it. Regarding putting up signs, there is a mile of frontage, where would the signs be placed.

Ald. Wiza stated an ordinance is not necessary, putting up signs on the banks should help and maybe giving

them a feeding source at Bukolt, more north of this location would help.

Director Schrader shared the information from other municipalities with the Commissioners. Director Schrader stated that he was given the use of a green laser to try out which helped to keep geese off the golf course. The green laser when pointed at the ground near the geese scares them right back into the water.

Commissioner Okonek stated we should push health and safety for residents as to why we're doing what we doing.

Ald. O'Meara agrees with doing the signage and keep doing the harassment at this time.

#### **4. Request to hold Fund Raising Event in Memorial Park on Sept. 15, 2012 (Southside Park Fundraising Committee & American Legion Post 6)**

Barb Jacob presented her request for the fund raising event scheduled for September 15, 2012 at Memorial Park. If the event is successful and \$15,000.00 is raised for the playground equipment, the City will match the \$15,000.00 for the playground equipment for the Memorial Park. Barb explained that all attendees will be given wristbands, green allows them to purchase beer and red does not. The American Legion will obtain the beer license for the event.

**Motion was made by O'Meara, seconded by Wiza to approve the request and to forward it to the Common Council for consideration.**

**Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.**

#### **5. Director's Report**

Director Schrader distributed his July report which, if found acceptable, would be prepared quarterly for the Commissioners:

- 42 lodge rentals in July, 2 fishing tournaments at Bukolt Park and Riverfront Rendezvous
- City Band concerts at Pfiffner Pioneer park with movies in the Park
- Community Access produced a video for Riverfront Rendezvous, advertized 20 new events on the TV community calendar, made 250 face book posts and 250 twitter tweets
- Forestry Department is watering 75 trees and 5 shrub/flower beds daily, 700 trees have been mulched and 27 annual flower beds and 10 downtown flower pots are maintained by staff
- 57 man hours in maintenance have been spent on the Square and in the process of correcting the irrigation problems
- The landscape contractor will need to replace at least 4-6 maple trees on the Square
- 26 playground sets/swing sets have been inspected monthly along with vandalism repairs/replacements
- At the pool 15 injuries have been treated with 2 near drowning saves
- At the Willett Arena, repairs have taken place on the rink scoreboard and the concrete floor in the Zamboni room was repaired and resurfaced.
- 289 tournament games were played by SPYBA, American Legion, Softball and Point Fast Pitch

Questions were asked if the manganese problems at the square were resolved. Director Schrader stated for the time being everything is working.

Commissioner Hall asked if swimming lessons could be offered next year at the pool since not everyone can attend the Y for lessons. Director Schrader asked her to bring up that request at budget time.

#### **6. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by O'Meara, seconded by Hall to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.**

**Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.**

# July 2012

## General Park Usage/Events

42 lodge rentals  
19 Meeting Room rentals  
15 Gym rentals  
2 fishing tournaments out of Bukolt Park  
Crazy Days downtown  
Tri-athlon  
Pfiffner Pioneer Park Bandshell  
    Riverfront Rendezvous  
    4 City Band concerts  
    3 Movies in the Park  
    Reading First Event

## Community Access

### **Recorded, Edited, Cablecast, and Webcast:**

20 meetings  
2 episodes of "Portage County Matters."

### **Cablecast:**

25 new (non-rerun) episodes of regularly-scheduled (series) TV programs, half of which were produced in Stevens Point/Plover.  
6 new special (non-series) programs, half of which were produced in Stevens Point.

### **Produced:**

Promo video for Riverfront Rendezvous and shot new video and stills at Riverfront Rendezvous for next year's promo.

### **Videotaped, edited, cablecast, and uploaded to YouTube:**

Fourth of July Parade & RR Fireworks.

### **Advertised :**

20 new events on the TV Community Calendar.

### **Made changes to the website:**

171 changes to Pages  
46 new Agendas & Minutes  
166 Calendar Events  
42 changes to Documents  
85 News Flashes  
1 Job Posting  
2 Directory Changes  
3 Home Page Slide Show Changes

### **Made Posts/Tweets:**

250 Facebook posts and 250 Twitter Tweets (one for every news story and calendar event on the website).

### **Misc.**

Inventoried all equipment – hundreds and hundreds of pieces of it.

## Forestry Department

### **Watering & Mulching Street Trees/Flower Beds/Downtown Square:**

75 trees and 5 shrub/flower beds are watered daily  
700 street/park trees have been mulched

300 reminder postcards have been mailed  
27 annual flower beds and 10 downtown flower pots maintained by staff.  
6 perennial beds maintained by Master Gardeners.  
155 trees were planted this year

**Annual tree survey:**

Things that are looked for are things such as Dutch elm disease, oak wilt (public/private), blocked street signage, high risk street trees, etc. Normally we are done with this by now, we are about half done.

110 addresses to visit to inspect so far.

21 Dutch Elm Disease Notices have been sent so far.

16 Public Nuisance Notices have been sent on issues ranging from visibility issues to risk trees so far.

**Down Town Square:**

57 man hours in maintenance spent on the Square

The landscape contractor will be replacing at least 4 maples and possibly a total of 6. Parks Dept. is in the process of correcting the irrigation problems.

**City Tree Contractor:**

39 stumps removed

24 trees removed

**Playground Inspection and repair:**

26 play sets/swing sets are inspected monthly.

2 tubes have been vandalized and 1 slide section needed replacement.

Woodchips have been added to low spots at various sets.

**Misc:**

The trees along Michigan Avenue which remain are being monitored during road reconstruction. Tree planting has been worked into the project. 12 trees were removed – Only 5 of which were purely due to construction.

Japanese beetle has caused turf problems for the first time in irrigated turf in the City. The most notable areas were Morton Park and Pfiffner Park. Preventative and curative measures have been taken for all athletic fields and some other irrigated areas. The Bandshell area has been aerated and slitseeded.

Emerald ash borer has not yet been found in Stevens Point or Portage County, but the list of Wisconsin communities is growing.

The WI DNR asked the Stevens Point Forestry Dept. to host for the second time their Community Tree Management Institute tour. Twenty-one Wisconsin municipalities which are developing/beginning forestry programs attended the five day program.

The Audubon Society raised about \$4,000.00 with their tree raffle to go toward replanting the city after last year's storm. The Noon Lions donated \$500.00 towards tree planting in one of Stevens Points parks next year also.

Due to the drought and high temp. all available forestry operations for basically June and July have revolved around watering. We have sent out press releases, website postings, signage along streets, and bus billboards.

**Pool**

15 injuries treated

2 Near Drowning Saves

2 Disciplinary Removals

3 Private Pool rentals held.

3 City Employees attended a mandatory Aquatic Operators 2 day course for the operations at the City Pool.

Replaced 400 gallon hot water tank

Completed annual Portage County Health inspections

Repaired concrete floor in shower rooms

Passed annual Fire Dept. Inspection

## Willett Arena/Community Stadium

Repaired Rink Scoreboard,

Repaired and Resurfaced concrete floor in Zamboni room

Football and Ice Hockey contracts went out to all the area schools, college, clubs, etc First Fall LTS Brochures went to print and will be mailed out early Aug.

Ice Arena will have a State of Wis. Refrig. Equip. Inspection on Aug. 1.

Passed annual Fire Dept. Inspection

Continuing to meet with area businesses as it relates to board advertising

Repairing/Replacing the kickplate boards

Emergency Lighting fixtures (31) are being repaired as needed

Football/Track- SPASH 4 day football camp 24hrs total rental youth thru high school

Combed Community Stadium turf 4 times and picked once

## Parks Department

Ball diamonds

### ***Tournament summary:***

June 1-3 SPYBA 24 games

June 15-17 SPYBA 51 games

Legion 10 games

June 22-24 SPYBA 57 games

June 28-July 1 Legion 15 games

July 13 Softball Association 25 games

July 20 Point Fast Pitch 99 games

Legion 8 games

**Total 289 tournament games**

### ***League play summary:***

124 games SPSA

13 games SPYBA

55 games Point Fastpitch

10 games Legion/Jr. Legion

101 events this year to date at Bukolt Park Cub Mancheski Field (High school games, league games, tournaments and special events

### **Maintenance / repairs**

35 plumbing repairs

6 electrical repairs

12 irrigation repairs

1 Community Stadium field turf repair

5 landscaping/road maintenance projects

7 graffiti clean-ups

DNR installed undercut bank at Iverson on the east branch of the Plover River