

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013**

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the October 2, 2013 Minutes**
3. **Naming Riverfront Arts Center "The Annette and Dale Schuh Riverfront Arts Center"**
4. **Director's Report**
5. **Adjournment**

Roll Call

Present: Bahling, Freckmann, Glodosky, McDonald, Ald. O'Meara, Sorenson, Ald. Wiza

Excused: Hall, Okonek, Ald. Slowinski

Absent: West

Also Present: Director Tom Schrader, Chris Wiza, Cathy Dugan, Eric Skille

2. **Approval of the October 2, 2013 Minutes**

Motion by Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the October 2, 2013 minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. **Naming Riverfront Arts Center "The Annette and Dale Schuh Riverfront Arts Center"**

Director Schrader distributed copies of the one letter he received regarding the naming of the Riverfront Arts Center "The Annette and Dale Schuh Riverfront Arts Center" which actually had questions and was not in opposition to the name change. Director Schrader he also received a number of phone calls all favorable in the name change.

Cathy Dugan asked for some background information on Dale Schuh and the Commissioners listed the many civic and arts related projects Dale and Annette have been involved with while he was a Sentry Insurance CEO.

Schrader also stated that the Schuh family has been a supporter of the Arts Center since it opened. And that both Annette and her son have had works exhibited several times. That the naming on the building is also to honor Dale's contribution to the community through all of his efforts as it relates to the United Way campaigns and especially Sentry's performing arts series that he started several years ago.

Aldersperson Wiza stated that by funding this art series the community has had the enjoyment of seeing many national acts.

Motion by Glodosky, seconded by Ald. O'Meara to approve the naming of the Riverfront Arts Center "The Annette and Dale Schuh Riverfront Arts Center.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

4. **Director's Report**

Director Schrader reported:

- The Forestry Department has applied for a WI DNR Urban Forestry Grant which would cover basic chainsaw safety training for all forestry, parks, streets and water street employees. It would also cover the brochures on Emerald ash borer and tree water bag purchases.
- Also applied for a \$5,000 grant through American Transmission Company for general tree planting.
- 68 trees were planted this fall. Forty-eight were planted along the streets and 10 planted in Forest cemetery and 10 planted in Iverson Park.

- Forestry, Parks and Public Works department personnel are working on removing oak wilt and two-lined chestnut borer killed trees on city property. Public Works employees cleared out a segment of the Green Circle for trail maintenance.
- 38 notices were sent to property owners adjacent to alleys which have trees/shrubs obstructing the alley use. Three alleys were on the north side of town and one was on the west side. Normally this trimming was done by city personnel but without staffing it has been shifted to the property owners.
- Emerald Ash borer traps were taken down and examined. At this point no EAB has been found.
- Winter sports area ice rinks were started yesterday.

The Commissioners agreed to meet in January on Thursday, January 2nd.

Bob Freckmann asked if anyone (city and county) is thinking about a tribute/memorial for George Rogers? If not we should be.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Wiza, seconded by Glodosky to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.