

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Park Commissioners
September 2, 2015
Rec Center
2442 Sims Ave.
Meeting Room
6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Discussion and Possible action on:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the July 1, 2015 Minutes
3. Skateboard Park Rental Policy
4. Director's report
5. Adjournment

****Following adjournment there will be a tour of Goerke Park.****

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6/3/15, 8/25/15

Proposed Skate Park Rental Policy

Background: After 6 years of work, fundraising and politicking, the Stevens Point Skate Park opened in November 2010. It was funded by Stevens Point City Room tax dollars, some large individual donors and many smaller donations from individuals, civic organizations and corporate donors.

The only events that have been held at the Park have been locally-organized “Shred Fests” where mainly local skaters and bikers have shown off their skills and competed for prizes. Recently the Parks Department received a request from a party to rent the Skate Park for a competition event. The inquiring party has since postponed the event until 2016.

At the June 3, 2015 Park Board meeting it was decided that a subcommittee should propose a rental policy for the Park. Shred Fest was hosted by the Skateboard Park Committee. Director Tom Schrader expressed concern that the Park should not be rented on a day that the Bukolt Lodge is rented because of lack of parking for 2 events using the same parking area.

As we do rent out other facilities, such as the Willet Arena, Goerke football field, Copps Swimming Pool, the Band Shell, etc, it is consistent that this facility be available for an appropriate event. At the time the Park was being considered, it was discussed that it would be a good venue to attract bigger competitions to bring in highly skilled skaters and potentially room tax monies.

It is anticipated that such requests will be infrequent and the intent of this action is that it should be an infrequent occurrence. The policy will only apply to requests for exclusive use of the park, where it would be closed for use to the public. The intention is not to close it for private parties.

A summary of suggested policy:

- The Stevens Point Skate Park is available for rental for special public events. It is not available for private parties.
- Applicants need to complete a “Special Event Request” form available from the Parks Department. (The initial request for Special events goes before the Park Board for approval.) This application details all the needed information and requires a \$1 Million liability insurance policy.
- A fee of \$500 should be charged which would include rental of the Bukolt Lodge (no separate fee).
- If the Bukolt Lodge is rented for the day the Skate Park is requested to be rented, if the hours do not overlap as determined by staff, the Skate Park could be rented for the hours when the lodge will not be in use. In those cases, the fee would still be \$500, but none of the money would be applied to Lodge rental.
- If possible, rental fees should go into a segregated account for Skate Park maintenance.

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the June 3, 2015 Minutes**
- 3. Request to Name Rec Center Gymnasium after John & Patty Noel (Boys & Girls Club of Portage County)**
- 4. Director's report**
- 5. Adjournment**

1. Roll Call

Present: Bahling, Freckmann, Glodosky, Hall, Ald. McComb, McDonald, Ald. Oberstadt
Okonek, Ald. Slowinski

Excused: Sorenson

Also Present: Director Tom Schrader, Betty Bruski Mallek, Ald. Kneebone, Kevin Quevillon, Portage County Boys and Girls Club; Jacob Mathias, Stevens Point City Times; Sari Lesk, Stevens Point Journal

President Bahling welcomed new members of the Commission and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of the June 3, 2015 Minutes

Motion by Okonek, seconded by Oberstadt, to approve the June 3, 2015 minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. Request to Name Rec Center Gymnasium after John & Patty Noel (Boys & Girls Club of Portage County)

Director Schrader referred to the correspondence from Kevin Quevillon of the Boys and Girls Club of Portage County requesting to name the Rec Center Gymnasium after John and Patty Noel. This naming of the gym in their honor would be in recognition of their major donation contributed during the "Building Great Futures Capital Campaign". Through the Noel's financial contribution improvements include: new shower/bath facilities for male and female participants, updated HVAC equipment including the addition of air conditioning to the gym, ceiling repairs, new lighting and additional improvements to the interior of the gym that will be proposed to the City of Stevens Point.

Kevin Quevillon was present to answers questions of the Commission. He stated he will come back to the Commission with the final design of the sign/plaque after receiving the approval from the Noels. It is the intention of the Boys and Girls Club to name other rooms of the building after the major donors during the Capital Campaign.

Motion by Glodosky, seconded by Ald. Slowinski, to approve the request to name the Rec Center Gymnasium after John and Patty Noel.

Ayes all, Nays none; Motion carried.

4. Director's report

Schrader reported:

- Forestry Dept. served to host 30 communities from across the state to view our forestry operations
- Capital project requests for 2016 will include funds to replace Bukolt and Piffner playgrounds. GIS for street trees and to resurface Mead tennis courts and basketball courts at Mead, Texas and Goerke
- Replaced tubes on the KASH playground due to vandalism
- Replaced a number of seasonal workers due to low wages. The City will need to address wages for seasonal employees at budget time. Wages haven't been increased in 7 years.
- Set-up of Riverfront Rendezvous is about 80% complete
- Specs are out for the flatwork for the restrooms at Mead Park, will be opening bids on July 13th

Liz McDonald updated the Commission on the skateboard sub-committee meeting. They are preparing a policy for rental of the skateboard park for competitions in the future. They reached a consensus that the skateboard park would not be closed and rented out for birthday parties, picnics or for any exclusive use. A rental fee will be suggested for competitions and the special events application would need to be completed.

President Bahling and other commissioners who have been in the parks this summer complemented Director Schrader, his staff and seasonal employees for the exceptional work being done with the grass cutting and the maintenance of the ball diamonds in the City. All of the flowers look great. Even though the seasonal employees are underpaid they are doing a good job.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Hall, seconded by McComb, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried, 6:50 p.m.



Opening New Doors Building Great Futures



June 8, 2015

Tom Shrader
City of Stevens Point
C/O Parks Commission
2442 Sims Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54482

RE: Naming Request for Recreation Center Gymnasium

Dear Tom:

The Boys & Girls Club of Portage County respectfully proposes that the Recreation Center Gymnasium located at 2442 Sims Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481 be formally dedicated and named "The John & Patricia Noel Gymnasium" in recognition of the major donation John and Patricia Noel contributed to the Boys & Girls Club "Building Great Futures Capital Campaign" with the intention of supporting the new construction and improvements to the Gymnasium as well as in support of the partnership between the Boys & Girls Club of Portage County and the City of Stevens Point.

We believe that this request fully complies with the City of Stevens Point Public Park and Facility Naming Policy and is suitable recognition for the level of contribution the Noel's have made toward the improvements that will ultimately benefit the residents of City of Stevens Point, particularly children and families.

Through the Noel's financial contribution improvements include:

- New shower/bath facilities for male and female participants
- Updated HVAC equipment including the addition of air conditioning to the gymnasium
- Ceiling repairs
- Improved safety and security including an additional exit out of the gymnasium
- Additional programming opportunities through additional programming hours and operations
- Additional improvements to the interior of the gymnasium are still being considered and will be proposed to the City of Stevens Point

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In addition to their significant support of this project, the Noel's have generously contributed their personal time, talents, and passion to many community projects (e.g., Operation Bootstrap, the Portage County Cultural Festival, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and many others) through the years.

We propose that the naming Recreation Gymnasium as "The John & Patricia Noel Gymnasium" occur as part of the dedication of the new Boys & Girls Club of Portage County facility being constructed and scheduled to be completed in November 2015. A placard (size and design to be approved by the City of Stevens Point and Boys & Girls Club of Portage County) would be permanently displayed inside of the gymnasium with additional recognition displayed on a Donor Wall in the Boys & Girls Club facility. throughout the facility as deemed appropriate.

We appreciate the support of the City of Stevens Point Parks Commission and Common Council's consideration of this request.

Respectfully requested,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Quevillon", written in a cursive style.

Kevin Quevillon
Executive Director