

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2011**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the March 2, 2011 Minutes**
- 3. Overview of Iverson Park Restoration Project (Christopher Badtke, Iverson Park Restoration Specialist)**
- 4. Election of Officers**
- 5. Director's Report**
- 6. Adjournment**

1. Roll Call

Present: Freckmann, Glodosky, Hall, McDonald, Okonek, West, Ald. Brooks, Ald. Slowinski.
Excused: Bahling.
Absent: Sorenson, Ald. O'Mera.
Also Present: Director Schrader, Betty Bruski Mallek, Christopher Badtke, B.C. Kowalski, Journal;
Ald. Suomi, Ald. Beveridge, Ald. M. Stroik.

2. Approval of the March, 2011 Minutes

Motion was made by Hall, seconded by Okonek, to approve the March 2, 2011 minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. Overview of Iverson Park Restoration Project (Christopher Badtke, Iverson Park Restoration Specialist)

Director Schrader introduced Christopher Badtke to the commissioners. Christopher has been involved with the Iverson Park Restoration Project since last November when he came on board working with the Wisconsin AmeriCorps Program: Central Wisconsin Resiliency Project. During the winter months, he prepared a plan of action for the shore land restoration of Iverson Park. He's prepared a map showing the riprap project they want to undertake along with the widening of the channels, de-brushing and restoring trails. The map was on display during the meeting and Chris referred to it showing the areas where work will be done. Christopher has been working with the staff of the Parks Department gathering information on Iverson Park. He will have assistance of two other people working on the main channel of the River starting from Hy 66 working south on the rock riprap. They will be resetting and cementing the rocks in place. Some areas are in pretty good shape. To obtain a more natural effect they will be backfilling with soil and reseeding or placing sod around the rocks. Some riprap has fallen into the river and needs to be recovered and put back into place. Rock that has been recovered will be used in future restoration work. Dredging of some areas of the river are planned as soon as weather permits. Overtime a few of the channels have been filled in due to sedimentation. Plans are already in place to have the sediment and vegetation removed from one of the affected channels. This will help to move water out of the main river channel, and could help in future high water events by allowing more water out of the upper part of the river that flows through the park. Installing a wing deflector at the top of the channel going into the main channel would increase the amount of water flow into the channel and help keep it clear so water could move through more quickly.

Vegetation growth along the east side of the river has turned that section of the park into a much wilder and almost natural setting. There are still some hiking and cross-country ski trails on that side of the river, but the vegetation has caused them to narrow and some to disappear. Here some of the vegetation could be removed to both widen up the trails and to allow access to the eastern riverbanks. The vegetation could be cut back along the banks of the river to prevent the riprap from being damaged due to trees and other vegetation growing within the riprap. This side of the river is probably enjoyed by many park patrons due to the fact that it is a more natural setting. Leaving this side of the river the way it is would still allow patrons to enjoy it in its natural state. It is also a good area for wildlife to live in as it provides much needed protection from predators and the elements. Some of the trees that are already damaging the riprap will need to be removed.

Any suggestions, ideas and offers to help can be directed to Christopher by emailing him at c.badtke@hotmail.com.

4. Election of Officers

Director Schrader announced that both Mr. Freckman and Mr. Bahling have reached the limit for serving in the capacity of President and Vice-President as per ordinance.

Motion by Hall, seconded by McDonald, to nominate Glodosky as Board of Park Commissioners President.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

Motion by Hall, seconded by Brooks, to nominate McDonald as Board of Park Commissioners Vice-President.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

5. Director's Report

Director Schrader reported:

- The parks opened on May 1st with reservations coming in.
- Informed the commissioners to promote the website info with face book, twitter, you tube and photo bucket. This is the fastest way to stay connected with changes and notifications are instantaneous.
- The Parks and Recreation Department continues to have the most hits on the website of all the departments in the City.
- 2011 tree planting has been undertaken by the Forestry Department in May and will continue throughout the year. About 175 trees will be planted this year.
- The 2011-2012 Capital projects were reviewed with the Commissioners. This work will be done along with the normal duties in the Parks Department.
- June 11, 2011 is the re-opening of the Sculpture Park with a ribbon cutting for the new sculptures.
- May 11, 2011 is the ribbon cutting for the Moses Creek Restoration Area Crossing near North Point Drive and Wood Lane.
- The grand re-opening of the Scarabocchio Art Museum (SAM) was on May 3, 2011. It is a UW-Stevens Point and City of Stevens Point joint venture. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday from 10 am -4pm.

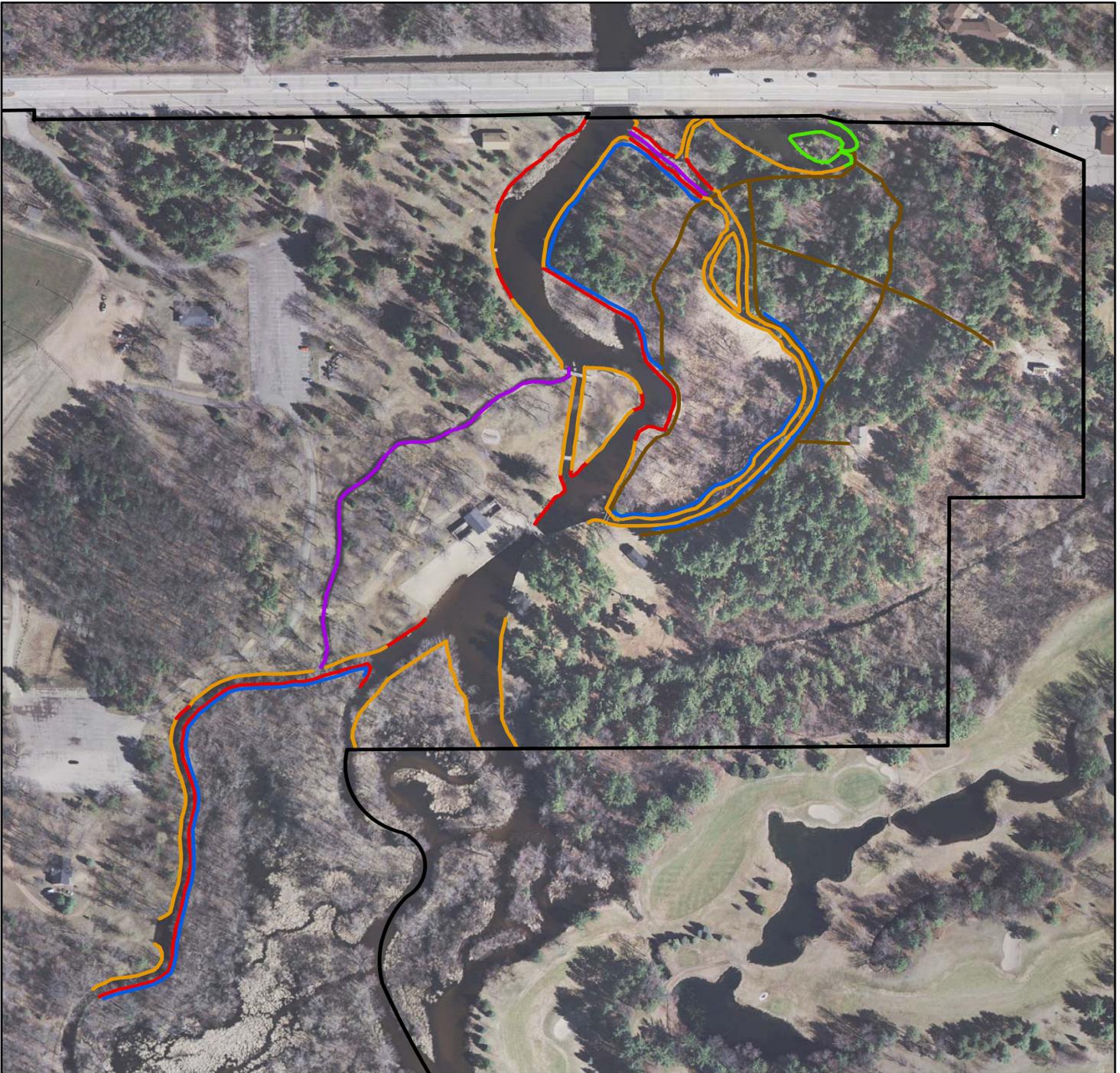
6. Adjournment

Sue Hall thanked the City of Stevens Point for the tree planting activity on Arbor Day at Forest Cemetery and invited everyone to Iverson Park this Saturday for the International Migratory Bird Day from 8 to 10 am with tours in Iverson Park.

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Glodosky, to adjourn the May 2011 meeting at 6:56 p.m.

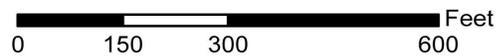
Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

City of Stevens Point Iverson Park Restoration



Legend

 Debrushing Areas	Rip Rap Condition
 Dredging	 Fair
 Park Boundary	 Good
 Trails	 Poor



Christopher Badtke

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year</u>
Recoat/reseal roof Willett Arena	2011
Door replacement Willett Arena	
Advertising Willett Arena boards/Community TV	
Replace playground equipment Zenoff Park	
Planting 175 street trees	
Informational kiosk about tree care at drop off	
Laptops in vehicles	
Landscaping projects Bukolt & Goerke	
Midwest Football camp	
Startup of summer facilities/programs/parks	
Downtown Square Project	
Sculpture Park additions (6 sculpture 2 site specific)	
Monitor EAB & new tree nuisance complaint policy	
Iverson renovation	
Pool funbrella canvas replacement	2012
Resurface Goerke Tennis Courts	
Replace diving boards	
Replace rest room partitions Willett Arena	
Iverson renovation	
Replace restrooms Pfiffner Pioneer Park	
Monitor reconstruction of Business 51 & Michigan Ave.	
Replace Parker Building Basement Windows	
Reroof Parker Building	
Resurface Iverson Bike path	
Resurface Goerke Stadium and restroom floors	