

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the March 12, 2012 Minutes**
- 3. Daily Pool Hours for 2012 Season**
- 4. Renew Concession Agreements with St. Pt. American Legion Baseball, St. Pt. Youth Baseball Assoc., St. Pt. Area Youth Girl Assoc.**
- 5. Director's Report**
- 6. Adjournment**

1. Roll Call

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

Excused: Bahling, Hall, West

Also Present: City Forester Todd Ernster, Betty Bruski Mallek, Robert Gregorich

2. Approval of the March 12, 2012 Minutes

Motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Okonek, to approve the March 12, 2012 minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. Daily Pool Hours for 2012 Season

Okonek asked how many people swim laps between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. and could they adjust to the 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. time. Bob Gregorich stated between 7 to 15 people use it on a daily basis and could adjust to the later time.

McDonald asked if anyone has heard from the group that came to the Commission last year asking for different hours at the pool. No one has heard anything.

O'Meara asked if the lap swim fees are subsidizing the open swim hours or vice versa and if the fees need to be adjusted. He would like Parks to track the numbers at lap swim and open swim.

President Glodosky stated the fees can be reviewed next September and asked Bob Gregorich to keep track of the numbers to be reviewed at time fees are reviewed.

Motion was made by Okonek, seconded by O'Meara, to approve Proposal 2 for the hours of operation for the pool this year.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. Renew Concession Agreements with St. Pt. American Legion Baseball, St. Pt. Youth Baseball Assoc., St. Pt. Area Youth Girl Assoc.

Forester Ernster stated that this 5 year renewal agreement has been mailed to all the user groups and is the same as in the past, only the dates have changed. The agreement would be effective until 2017. President Glodosky stated since no one is present from any of the groups it probably means they are satisfied with the agreement.

Motion was made by O'Meara, seconded by Sorenson to renew the concession agreements.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

5. Director's Report

City Forester Todd Ernster reported on behalf of Director Schrader:

- with the warm weather all the bathrooms in the parks are open
- tennis courts are open
- Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for this Saturday in Piffner Park
- the Ice Show was just held at the Willett arena and it was successful
- will be working with volunteer groups in the next couple of weeks to spread wood chips
- in full swing of planting trees, one month earlier than normal
- Arbor Day will be celebrated on Saturday, May 5th at Iverson Park in partnership with UW-SP, SPASH, MSTC, Audubon Society and Amherst Tree Board. All are invited to attend and help if interested.

6. Adjournment

Motion was made by O'Meara, seconded by Okonek to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

Agenda notes

3. With the elimination of our Learn-to-swim Program, staff was asked to review our current hours of operation, as it relates to public open swim.

Proposal 1 Leave Public Hours, times and price the same.

Mon.-Fri. 7am-7:50am Adult lap Swim

12noon-12:50pm Adult lap swim

1pm-4pm Public Swimming

5pm-8pm Public Swimming

Sat.-Sun. 10am-12noon Free Public Swimming

1pm-4pm Public Swimming

5pm-8pm Public Swimming

Mon.-Sun. Private Party Rentals 8:30pm-10:30pm

Cost: \$2.25 0-5yrs. \$2.75 6yrs.-up

Proposal 2 Leave Public Hours the same. Move lap swimming for adults in the morning to one hour later (8am-8:50am) so employee(s) can report in at normal start time eliminating the chance for overtime. This would also allow maintenance staff to be present longer into the day where we have a larger number of patrons present at the pool, and be able to help staff operating other parks, football stadium, Willett Ice Arena, etc.. In the 2012, Budget our Parks Staff was reduced by one full time staff.

Mon.-Fri. 8am-8:50am Adult lap Swim

12noon-12:50pm Adult lap swim

1pm-4pm Public Swimming

5pm-8pm Public Swimming

Sat.-Sun. 10am-12noon Free Public Swimming

1pm-4pm Public Swimming

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Proposal 3 Move Lap Swimming to 8am as in Proposal 2, Open the pool at 12noon(1 hour earlier) 12noon-4pm, 6pm-8pm (Reduce night admission fee and go with one nightly overall charge, \$2.00. Possible revenue losses, however it may help our group rentals go up since we could run them earlier in the evenings starting from 7:30pm-10/10:30.

Mon.-Fri. 8am-8:50am Adult lap Swim

11:00am-11:50am Adult lap swim

12:00noon-4pm Public Swimming

6pm-8pm Public Swimming

Sat.-Sun. 10am-12noon Free Public Swimming

1pm-4pm Public Swimming

5pm-8pm Public Swimming

Mon.-Sun. Private Party Rentals 8:30pm-10:30pm

**Cost: 12:00pm- 4:00pm \$2.25 0-5yrs. \$2.75 6yrs-up
and weekends**

6:00pm- 8:00pm \$1.50 0-5yrs \$2.00 6yrs-up or \$2.00 for everyone

As staff, we feel maintaining the 4-5pm break works the best at our pool for several reasons: it is used for general cleanup of the facility from the afternoon crowds, required break for staff (15min.), reduces the patron fatigue and the setting up of pool equipment for our nightly swimming activities i.e. water polo, water basketball, water baseball, water volleyball, etc. Our pool functions more as a drop off/pickup facility, not many children bike to the pool anymore. So, this 4-5pm one hour break allows parents who work a time period to pick-up their children. Also, many daycares, churches, summer school programs, UWSP and SPASH camps, bring their children via buses to our facility, and leave at or just before 4:00pm.

Staff would recommend the proposals in the following order:

Proposal 2

Proposal 1

Proposal 3