

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the February 5, 2014 Minutes**
- 3. Recognizing Groups/Organizations that have contributed to Improving our Parks, Recreation and Forestry for the Citizens of Stevens Point**
- 4. Update on 2014 Capital/Summer Projects**
- 5. Director's Report**
- 6. Adjournment**

Roll Call

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

Also Present: Director Tom Schrader, Betty Bruski Mallek, Chris Wiza

2. Approval of the February 5, 2014 Minutes

Motion by Ald. Wiza, seconded by Ald. Slowinski, to approve the February 5, 2014 minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. Recognizing Groups/Organizations that have contributed to Improving our Parks, Recreation and Forestry for the Citizens of Stevens Point.

Director Schrader asked the Commissioners to consider some kind of criteria to nominate individuals, groups, or organizations that have contributed to improving the Parks, Recreation and Forestry for the citizens of Stevens Point. A suggestion was to have criteria in place to nominate service groups to have their names listed on a "wall of fame" or something else to recognize organizations that donate to our parks, recreation services and forestry in Stevens Point. An example most recently is the Audubon Society who raised \$5,000.00 in 3 weeks and donated it all back for trees. Another suggestion is to list donors and give recognition by placing an ad in the papers or on the backside of the "Riverfront Rendezvous" brochure.

The commissioners agreed to forward suggestions and recommendations of criteria thresholds to Director Schrader who will compile the list for the next Board meeting. Not only monetary donations but volunteer hours would be considered.

4. Update on 2014 Capital/Summer Projects

Director Schrader distributed a handout listing the 2014 capital/summer projects of the Parks and Recreation Department. Equipment replacement includes replacing 3 riding lawnmowers, replacing 4 pickup trucks, replacing a ball diamond groomer, replacing a lawn sweeper, replacing the Cushman with a different type of utility vehicle and replacing the main pool filters. The improvement/repair projects include reroofing the Parker Building, reroofing the Mead restroom shelter building, repaving Iverson Park roadway and parking lots, repaving the Mead Park bike path, resurfacing the restroom floors at Community Stadium, replacing the rubber flooring in the restrooms at the KB Willett Arena, replacing the sound system at the KB Willett Arena, relocating the First Aid room in the KB Willett Arena, tree planting on Ellis Street and landscaping the new downtown parking lot. Spring tree

planting is scheduled and the Forestry Department will be assisting in the Bukolt Avenue reconstruction. Upgrades will be done at the pool.

Director Schrader stated regarding to the replacement of the Cushman that the department is looking at a Bob Cat with tracks to be able to get into areas that we can't get into now. It will cost more than the Cushman. The repaving of Iverson Park roadway and parking lots won't get done until after the parks close for reservations in early October. Some of the things at the Willett Arena are original from the early 80's like the flooring and the sound system. The sound system hasn't been updated with the expansion of Willett.

Parks will also be purchasing equipment for the city radio station. This radio station will simo-broadcast what is on 984 but in an event of storm warnings and other emergencies, we can cut in and make the announcements to the public as to what to do.

Commissioner Bahling asked if these items are all in the budget. Is this the standard amount of work for this year? It seems like a pretty aggressive amount of work to undertake. Director Schrader stated that more was placed in this year's budget. Alderman O'Meara said there was a little bit more money to work with in the budget this year than last year.

5. Director's Report

Director Schrader reported:

- The final copy of the new logo with the Annette and Dale Schuh name on it for the Riverfront Arts Center is ready. He distributed copies. A dedication will take place in May.
- Saints Hockey non-payment made the papers. This is a rare instance because it has never happened before. All vendors have paid for their ice time. It's in the hands of the City attorney. The Hockey Association is also working with the City to get payment of this debt.
- The Ice Show is this week-end at the Willett with about 130 skaters.
- Community Stadium may be drying up enough for games this weekend. Ball diamonds are clear of snow but still frozen.
- Forestry has been working on small structure pruning. About 13% of our street trees are Ash.
- The Forester, Todd Ernster, will be doing an article in the paper about tree species selection. We'll be asking and encouraging residents to buy different species of trees.
- Tennis nets were put up this week, however the weather is not cooperating for Spring.
- Remodeling is taking place at the Park garage at Bukolt Park which was vacated by Transit.
- Bathrooms at K.A.S.H, Bukolt and Pfiffner are being readied for use.
- The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th at Pfiffner Park and at SPASH if the park is not ready.
- A draft copy on the history of Iverson Park was submitted by Jim Buchholz and will be available online after review.

Ald. Slowinski asked about the date for community volunteers to help with placement of bark in the downtown area. Director Schrader stated a date hasn't been scheduled yet but he'll have the Forester get back to the Alderman with details.

Ald. Wiza invited everyone to Bukolt on Thursday, May 15th at 5:00 p.m. to the UW unveiling of their depth maps of the Wisconsin River. More details to follow.

6. Adjournment

Motion by O'Meara, seconded by Glodosky to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.