

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the May 5, 2015 Minutes**
- 3. Reserving/renting Skateboard Park**
- 4. Update on Mead Shelter Project**
- 5. Director's report**
- 6. Adjournment**

**1. Roll Call**

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

Also Present: Director Tom Schrader, Betty Bruski Mallek, Ald. Kneebone

**2. Approval of the May 5, 2015 Minutes**

**Motion by Okonek, seconded by Hall, to approve the May 5, 2015 minutes and place them on file.**

**Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.**

**3. Reserving/renting Skateboard Park**

Director Schrader referred to the notes attached to the agenda for information regarding the request from an apparel company out of Milwaukee to hold a skateboard competition in Stevens Point. Director Schrader surveyed a number of municipalities with skateboard parks to see what their rental experience was in regards to having a competition, fees charged and closing the park. Most of the communities do not rent out their skateboard parks but the couple that do stated there has not been a lot of interest for the competitions.

Liz McDonald spoke saying that she was part of the original Skateboard Committee when the park was built and the idea of opening the park for competition was discussed because the competitions could bring in money into the community. Room tax money was used to build the park and if we have an opportunity to draw people in to our community to spend money we should promote the park.

More discussion took place regarding criteria needed for putting a policy in place for the rental of the park for competitions in the future. It was agreed upon that rental of the Bukolt Lodge in conjunction with the competition would be necessary so that parking wouldn't be an issue for renters of the lodge.

**Motion by McDonald, seconded by Glodosky, to form a sub-committee to look into the possibility of renting out the park, and if so develop a policy and guidelines for the rental of the Skateboard Park.**

**Ayes all, Nays none; Motion carried.**

Liz McDonald volunteered for the sub-committee along with President Bahling and Wayne Sorenson. Anyone else is welcome to attend or submit suggestions.

#### **4. Update on Mead Shelter Project**

Director Schrader reported that he and President Bahling met with the Stevens Point School District regarding the SPASH Capstone constructing the building. Plans are progressing; the City will bid out the concrete, plumbing and electrical work. The pavilion will be torn down in late August and construction to be started in September.

Everything for the Mead Park parking lot was approved by Council. Some soil has been removed and road material will be brought in. Three cedar trees have been removed. The plan is to connect trails or sidewalks to the parking lot.

#### **5. Director's report**

Schrader reported:

- The Copps Municipal Pool opens this Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> with free swims provided by sponsors for every weekend throughout the season
- Resurfacing of Goerke bleachers will start Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and will take 3 weeks
- Seasonal workers have been hired. The City will need to address the starting rates of pay at budget time because our rates have not been increased for the past 7 years and workers are leaving for higher paying jobs
- Reported that the Forestry staff put up 8 emerald ash borer monitoring traps this month throughout the city. Annual flower beds and downtown flower pots should be planted this week.
- McKay Nursery planted 29 trees along Bukolt Avenue and 13 trees on the Square
- Track and field and tennis meets wrapped up this month at Goerke

#### **6. Adjournment**

**Motion by McDonald, seconded by Glodosky, to adjourn the meeting.**

**Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried, 7:00 p.m.**

**Following adjournment there was a tour of Iverson Park**

# Iverson Park (Community Park)

## **IVERSON PARK - 121 ACRES**

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| 1. Lighted ball diamond        | 12. Lighted sled hills           |
| 2. Concession stand            | 13. Beach                        |
| 3. Three lodges                | 14. Bathhouse                    |
| 4. Volleyball courts           | 15. Nature trail                 |
| 5. Three open shelters         | 16. Nature center                |
| 6. Playfields                  | 17. Restrooms                    |
| 7. Picnic areas                | 18. Two unused pump houses       |
| 8. Playground equipment        | 19. Bike trail along HWY 66      |
| 9. Two lighted toboggan slides | 20. Cross-country ski trail      |
| 10. Lighted outdoor ice rink   | 21. Access to Green Circle Trail |
| 11. Warming house              |                                  |

## **PROBLEMS, TRENDS, NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

The objective of this section is to list the various problems, trends and long term goals for each City park. If the opportunity arises to implement a long term goal during the next five years, the goal should be implemented.

1. Landscaping is needed to replace dying and dead trees.
2. Siltation of channels within the park has happened over the years, and the channels should be re-established
3. This Park is a prime starting, resting and stopping place for canoeists.
4. A comprehensive plant and wildlife inventory and Master Plan should be developed for this Park.
5. This Park offers prime potential for appreciation of wildlife and nature

## **IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The Parks Improvement Program deals with general recommendations for improving the quality of recreational experiences and specific proposals concerning individual park Master Plans and improvements. Approval of this Improvement Program by the City of Stevens Point Common Council indicates a desire on the part of the community to carry out the Program. Approval, however, does not commit the existing or future Parks Commission or Common Council to implement the Program exactly as approved. Subsequent amendments may be necessary to the Improvement Program, which is intended to represent City policy and be a guiding document for project development for the period 2010-2015.

1. Continue the tree planting program to compensate for lost trees.
2. Inventory entire Park for wildlife and plant species.
3. Improve abandoned wellhouse.
4. Develop natural areas of the Park for interpretation.
5. Re-establish channels through the park.
6. Resurface the roads and parking lots.

# All-Purpose Lodge (2015 rentals 42 = \$7,770)

## Rental Information

- Cost is \$185 for the rental; \$100 security deposit.
- Read the lodge rental rules before making a reservation.
- Arrangements and reservations must be made at the:  
Parks and Recreation Center  
2442 Sims Ave.  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
Phone: (715) 346-1531

## Lodge Amenities

- Capacity: 120 people
- 1,686 square feet of space inside
- Stove / oven and Microwave
- Refrigerator
- Approximately 10 8-foot banquet tables inside, with approximately 80 chairs
- Four benches inside
- 12 6-foot picnic tables outside
- Restrooms inside
- Parking close to the lodge
- Lodge is wheelchair accessible
- Air-conditioned Meeting / Banquet Room



## Meeting / Banquet Room

The Lodge's Meeting / Banquet Room has plenty of space for the 10 8-foot banquet tables and 80 folding chairs that are included with rental of the building. In the winter, you can watch the kids ice-skating just outside these windows. The Meeting / Banquet Room is air-conditioned in the Summer.

## Center Room

This center room in the Lodge is a great place to put on your skates in the Winter, or to mingle during a meeting break. It has vending machines and access to the bathrooms. You can enter the kitchen here, and there is a kitchen serving window and counter.

## Kitchen

The kitchen has a stove, oven, microwave, refrigerator, sink, and plenty of counter space.

## Outside

Just outside the lodge are a small charcoal grill and (weather permitting) ice-skating rink, toboggan run, sled / saucer hills, and a groomed cross-country ski trail. Nearby are the Plover River, a swimming beach, the Green Circle Trail. This tree-rimmed area of Iverson Park is a great meeting place during all seasons.

# Boy Scout Lodge (2015 rentals 38 = \$5,890)

## Rental Information

- Cost is \$155 for the rental; \$100 security deposit.
- Read the lodge rental rules before making a reservation.
- Arrangements and reservations must be made at the:  
Parks and Recreation Center  
2442 Sims Ave.  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
Phone: (715) 346-1531



## Lodge Amenities

- Capacity: 50 people
- 780 square feet of space inside
- Stove / oven
- Refrigerator
- Kitchen has 12 electric outlets
- Lodge has two electric outlets in each side room
- Approximately 6 6-foot picnic tables inside
- Approximately 10 6-foot picnic tables outside
- 7 benches inside
- Fireplace
- Restrooms inside
- Parking close to the lodge

## Main Dining / Meeting Room

The main dining / meeting room in the Boy Scout Lodge includes coat racks, picnic tables, auxiliary tables, and a stone fireplace. The bathrooms, kitchen, and two smaller dining / meeting rooms are all accessible from the main dining room.

## Ancillary Rooms

This lodge has two ancillary rooms that contain a picnic table and benches.

## Kitchen

This lodge has a modern kitchen with cabinets, sink, stove, and refrigerator.

## Bathrooms

Separate bathrooms for men and women are privately located in a hall just off the main meeting room and include a toilet, sink, and mirror.

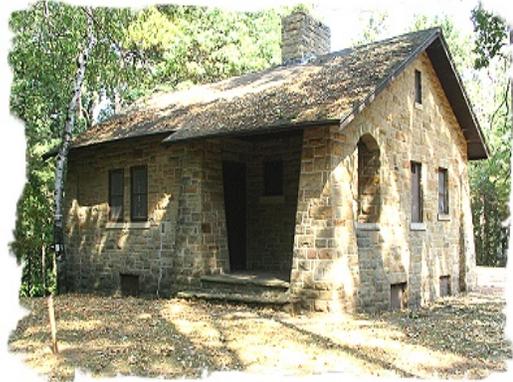
## Outside

A large grille, sand volleyball court, and horseshoe pits are just outside the lodge, and it is surrounded by spacious grassy and wooded areas. A paved parking lot with room for plenty of cars is just a short walk from the lodge. Nearby are the Plover River, a swimming beach, and the Green Circle Trail.

# Girl Scout Lodge 2015 rentals 14 = \$2,030)

## Rental Information

- Cost is \$145 for the rental; \$100 security deposit.
- Read the lodge rental rules before making a reservation.
- Arrangements and reservations must be made at the:  
Parks and Recreation Center  
2442 Sims Ave.  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
Phone: (715) 346-1531



## Lodge Amenities

- Capacity: 20 people
- 400 square feet of space inside
- Stove
- Refrigerator
- Approximately 6 6-foot picnic tables inside
- Approximately 3 6-foot picnic tables outside
- Fireplace
- Restrooms inside
- Parking close to the lodge

## Main Dining / Meeting Room

The main dining / meeting room in the Girl Scout Lodge includes six picnic tables and a stone fireplace. One bathroom and the kitchen are accessible from this room.

## Kitchen

This lodge has a modern kitchen with cabinets, sink, stove, and refrigerator. The second bathroom is accessible through the kitchen.

## Outside

A grill and three picnic tables are just outside the lodge in a grassy picnic area. Take a short walk down a woodland trail and you find yourself at the top of a gently sloping hill overlooking Iverson Park, which is bordered by the Plover River and the Green Circle Trail, and contains a swimming beach.

Totals rentals 94 = \$15,690

Avg. 50 people/rental = 4,700

## Misc usage

Iverson Ball diamond: SPYBA uses the diamond on Mon/Wed for games and Tu/Th for practices May through July. Also, several weekends throughout the summer they will use the diamond on weekends for tournaments.

Nature Trec rents out the former Nature Center to offer his rentals/programs and is know renting out one of the former pump houses for storage. Rental fees generated approx. \$1,900 annually.

Winter Sports private rentals for 2014-15 were 14 totaling \$2,845. The area opened for public use around the second week in December and closes around the first week of March. Weekend attendance ranges from 500 to 1,500 users/weekend.

The Green Circle trail attracts many users year around.