

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016**

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the March 2, 2016 Minutes**
3. **Approval of Placing Scoreboard adjacent to Practice Football Field in Goerke Park (St.Pt. School District)**
4. **Director's report**
5. **Adjournment**

1. **Roll Call**

Present: Freckmann, Ald. McComb, McDonald, Okonek, Ald. Slowinski, Sorenson

Excused: Glodosky, Hall, Kirsch, Ald. Oberstadt, Smith

Also Present: Director Tom Schrader, Betty Bruski Mallek, Dave Hauser

2. **Approval of the March 2, 2016 Minutes**

Motion by Ald. Slowinski, seconded by Freckmann, to approve the March 2, 2016 minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. **Approval of Placing Scoreboard adjacent to Practice Football Field in Goerke Park (St. Pt. School District)**

Director Schrader introduced Dave Hauser, athletic director for P. J. Jacobs Junior High School, who could answer questions from the Commissioners. Director Schrader referred to the documentation which was part of the agenda packet for the meeting. P.J. Jacobs Junior School Football program is proposing to install a scoreboard on the practice field west of the Willett Arena. Currently they play all their games against other schools on this field. This past year they used a portable scoreboard which was a great improvement but it still is hard to see and is not real reliable. School staff was able to secure several companies to donate the funds to cover the cost of the scoreboard and installation. The businesses funding the project have asked to have sponsor boards placed on the scoreboard. These boards would be similar to others found on scoreboards located in the parks system. They agreed to the placement of the scoreboard in the northwest corner of the field between the path and fence. The School district covers the cost of the board and installation and the city would provide access to electricity from the garage. Also agreed that the School district keep the scoreboard controller and other groups wishing to use it go through the school district. This would be the same policy the City uses for the scoreboards at Zenoff, Iverson and Goerke owned by the associations.

Ald. Slowinski agreed that a permanent scoreboard would be great improvement and gives his complete support.

Motion by Slowinski, seconded by McDonald to approve placing the scoreboard adjacent to the practice field in Goerke field and have the School district cover the cost of the board and installation, city provide access to electricity from the garage, advertising be allowed on the board as per our adopted policy for five years, after five years any company advertising on the board has the option to renew for \$100/year for a five year term (any new advertiser would be \$200/year), any funds generated from advertising would go into a maintenance account to help the school in maintaining the scoreboard, the School District is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the board/controller, and the School District is responsible for letting other groups use the board/controller.

Ayes all, Nays none; Motion carried.

4. Director's report

Director Shrader reported

- We received a metal framing design for the fishing pier in Bukolt Park which will be handicap accessible. Prime Water Anglers will have a groundbreaking ceremony in early May with the completion scheduled for early June. Director Schrader is suggesting that another one or two handicap accessible spaces be installed on the grassy area just east of the pier. Director Schrader will notify the Commissioners of the groundbreaking ceremony.
- The Ice Show was held this past weekend at the Willett and was another success
- The Forestry update explains the EAB Awareness Green Ribbon Campaign which started April 1st to bring awareness to the number of ash trees in highly visible areas along Main, Clark and Division Street North and along the Green Circle running through Bukolt and Pfiffner Parks. These high visibility trees will be treated against EAB.
- Alderman McComb asked if property owners could adopt an ash tree in the boulevard and pay for the treatment of it because the City will not be able afford to treat all of the ash trees in the City right of way.
- A private tree program proposed by Mayor Wiza will be going to the Finance Committee this month. Alderman Ryan is proposing that the areas along Division Street that have no room in the boulevard for City trees that property owners plants a tree in their front yard and the City reimburses them \$100.00 for the tree on their property. We not sure where the money is coming from. This area would include Division Street heading west on Main Street.
- Arbor Day celebration is scheduled on April 29th at 11:00 at Brookdale, more information to follow.
- Portage County Master Gardeners will continue to maintain six perennial gardens in the City.
- A few ball diamonds are up and running. Alderman Slowinski stated he was at Morton Park yesterday for a SPASH game and the field was in good shape and he wants to commend the ball diamond crews for their great work.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Slowinski, seconded by Ald. McComb, to adjourn the meeting.

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