

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**  
**Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the March 1, 2017 Minutes**
3. **Request from BPAC to install additional bike racks in Mead Park**
4. **Parkdale Park expansion**
5. **Update on Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan**
6. **Director's report**
7. **Adjournment**

1. **Roll Call**

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

Excused: Kirsch

Also Present: Director Tom Schrader, Betty Bruski Mallek

2. **Approval of the March 1, 2017 Minutes**

**Motion by Hall, seconded by Ald. Oberstadt, to approve the March 1, 2017 minutes and place them on file.**

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

3. **Request from BPAC to install additional bike racks in Mead Park**

Director Schrader referred to the agenda notes explaining that the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian committee (BPAC) is asking that another bike parking facility be added to Mead Park. BPAC feels that appropriate bike facilities have not been met as per the conditional use requirements that the Plan Commission placed on the construction of the parking lot. Upon approving the parking lot the Plan Commission placed the condition that bike parking areas should be added to various places in the park. Since then bike parking areas have been placed by the KASH playground and one by the new restroom/shelter. BPAC is also asking that the grid/comb style racks not be used since they don't meet the city's current guidelines. BPAC is proposing that either the bike hitch or shark racks be installed on concrete pads.

Director Schrader proposed to BPAC that SPASH Metals Class be considered to make a bike docking system (bike rack) that has the same concept as the shark rack. This would be more cost effective for the four bike rack instead of purchasing the shark rack at a cost of \$450.00 or the Sentry at \$650.00 cost. Our costs for building racks that are comparable to these two racks would be approximately \$80.00. Director Schrader would also recommend that we do not construct a concrete pad at a cost of about \$200.00 for materials and instead place a crushed granite pad for approximately a cost of \$20.00. The bike docking system he is recommending would meet the city ordinance requirement of two points of contact, in addition to a third point of contact with the wheel. With a granite pad, if the location doesn't work out, it would be easy to move to another location for not much cost.

Ald. McComb asked how the bike committee reacted to the bike dock. Director Schrader stated that 2 were interested in the idea and 1 was not.

Ald. Oberstadt stated she likes the idea of the Metals Class at SPASH being able to construct this rack.

Ald. Slowinski stated he doesn't like the current rack style downtown, that a lot times the bikes are laying on the ground next to the rack. And asked if there really is a need for the racks or are we just placing them at this

location. Director Schrader stated we're bound by the conditional use placed on the KASH parking lot at this time.

Commissioner McDonald asked how many bikes this rack holds. This bike dock would hold 2 bikes, so we would need at least 3 racks. The bike committee is asking for a rack to hold 4 to 6 bikes. Commissioner McDonald asked if there are other areas in the City that could use bike racks. Director Schrader stated that this type of bike rack is portable and can be moved around.

Commissioner Sorenson asked how soon the racks can be constructed. Director Schrader stated the first one done by SPASH could be ready in June. The City's welder fabricator will work on the racks as time permits, if the SPASH class can't build them by the end of school year.

**Motion by Smith, seconded by Glodosky, to approve Director Schrader's recommendation for the SPASH Metals class and the City to construct and install bike racks as presented Schrader and place them on a granite pad in the area as proposed by BPAC adjacent to KASH playground.**

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

#### **4. Parkdale Park expansion**

Director Schrader referred to the maps at on the tables showing the proposed development on the east side behind the Schierl gas station. Townhouses and a business are being proposed on private property. The light green area on the map shows the land being donated by the developers to add on to the park. With this controversial proposal on the development he met with the developer and from the parks stand point he would like to see an enhancement done to the park. POB and Blenker Construction put together this draft proposal for the park showing expansion of boardwalks, trails, rest areas and viewing platforms. He would like to work with these 2 groups along with neighbors, volunteers and friends to walk this area and decide how this area could be enhanced. We have \$15,000.00 already out there to be spent on parks in this area. A number of businesses out in this area would like to be part of the friends group and along with the volunteers to help with the work we could tie this into the soccer area.

Commissioner McDonald asked if there is any financial commitment made by POB or Blenker Construction. Director Schrader stated that POB is offering to do the engineering and layout work and Blenker Construction has volunteered to help by getting us the lumber at a reduced rate for us. There is a Boy Scout interesting to doing an Eagle Scout project. Next step would be to get everybody together at the site, an informal meeting to ribbon the area and starting making some plans. This work will take a couple of years and it could be similar to how Schmeeckle looks.

Director Schrader stated at this time he is looking for volunteers and if someone is interested just send him an email and he'll let everyone know about the first meeting. Ald. Kneebone has forwarded him names of interested property owners wanting to participate in the planning of this park expansion.

#### **5. Update on Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan**

Director Schrader stated that the on line survey has been taken down off the web as of March 31<sup>st</sup>. Out of the 330 surveys mailed out (30 in each district) we've received about 30 as undeliverable and 120 were returned by mail. Right now we sit at about having 455 surveys returned. At our May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting SEH, our consultant, will be at our meeting to receive input from the Park Commission. Director Schrader stated he'll give the commissioners the web address to view all of the responses received from the survey. In June there will be a city-wide meeting to review the responses from the survey for the residents of the City. The plan should be finalized in August.

#### **6. Director's report**

Director Schrader reported:

- The ice show was held this past week-end at the Willett arena and it had good attendance at all three shows with 140 skaters
- Ball diamonds are up and running
- Boat launch piers were installed at Bukolt Park
- Rettler Company is putting together the landscape plans for the Mead shelter in memory of Jeff Bahling and should have them to us by the end of April for Commissioner approval in May with the dedication scheduled for this fall
- A reminder that this Friday is the dedication ceremony for Grant Park at noon and at 11:00 the monument at the Veteran's Memorial Park will be re-dedicated
- The Pfiffner bathrooms footings are in, plumbing is installed and they laid the floor today
- Director Schrader referred the commissioners to the handout from the Forestry outlining their activities for March

## **7. Adjournment**

**Motion by Ald. Oberstadt, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.**

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