

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2011**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the December 1, 2010 Minutes**
- 3. Consideration and Possible Action on Establishing a New JV/sophomore/JR High Game Fee at Community Stadium.**
- 4. Director's Report**
- 5. Adjournment**

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Brooks, Freckmann, Glodosky, McDonald, O'Meara, Okonek, Slowinski, West

Excused: Bahling, Hall, Sorenson

Also Present: Director Schrader, Peggy Rentz

**2. Approval of the December 1, 2010 Minutes**

**Motion was made by Okonek, seconded by Glodosky to approve the December 1, 2010 minutes and place them on file.**

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

**3. Consideration and Possible Action on Establishing a New JV/sophomore/JR High Game Fee at Community Stadium.**

Director Schrader said the question had come up if this \$350 included the lights and it does not, it is just for use of the field, use of the lights is an extra charge and for this year it is \$205.

Discussion followed that included questions if they will use the lights each game and if the fee covers the costs, what is the \$200 loss, and also how the maintenance and replacement fund is doing. Director Schrader said they will probably not need lights until their late October games and the fee covers the costs. He explained that this will lower PJ's cost to \$350 from \$550, but they are moving JV and sophomore games over here so the cost will be offset. He said since they don't charge admission none of this goes into the maintenance and replacement fund. Only those that charge admission do, he added the fund is doing well with double playoff games, the fund is raising about \$15,000 to \$18,000 a year.

**Motion was made by Glodosky, seconded by Slowinski to establish a new JV/sophomore/JR High game fee of \$350.00 per game at Community Stadium with the light usage fee being additional.**

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

**4. Director's Report**

Director Schrader reported:

- Quotes for the 2011 Tree Removal/Pruning contract and the 2011 Flower order are being sought this month.

- Todd is working with the Town of Hull to establish a policy for abutting city and township landowners for controlling oak wilt. Presently the city residents are required to treat or remove affected trees but their neighbors on abutting township properties are not. The result is that city residents are paying to protect their trees and stop the spread of the disease but their trees remain in jeopardy because of the lack of policy in the Town of Hull. Todd and Town President Holdridge are working together to find a solution. The question was asked if the same problem exists with Whiting and the Director said the problem is mostly to our east but he will ask the Forester to check on it. He added that Todd is working the Golden Sands Builders Association to prevent damage to oak trees in an effort to control the spread of the disease.
- The Street Tree Management Plan is complete, and a presentation will be made at the City Council, possibly in February.
- The Forestry department is currently working on small tree and Street department requested pruning.
- The Winter Sport areas will hopefully reopen for the weekend. The crews have been working hard to get things up and running again after the damage caused by rain and warm weather last weekend. He added over the holidays we had about 600/700 trips a day on the toboggan slide whereas the normal is 300/400 a day so it was pretty crowded.
- Sentry Classic Hockey Tournament is this coming weekend at the Willett.
- The Sculpture Park committee met, there were 11 sculptors presenting 17 sculptures, the committee will pick maybe six to eight and there will be an update next month after they meet again and select the sculptures.
- He said next month he will be approaching the Board on their willingness to allow advertising at the Willett on the ice and boards. This is becoming quite common as a new way to provide sources of revenue; he said we are among the few who don't. He said they had discussed this at City Staff meetings, coming up with the possibility of offering packages to include Willett advertising, advertising on buses, and adding advertising to the City web page. The question arose on university regulations against ads and Director Schrader said the only one he had heard of was a NCAA event in Indiana where they had to remove ads from the ice only, but he added they will probably have to change their policy as the additional revenue becomes necessary to keep the facilities open. He said adding advertising will be a process that will take the Board several months to complete.
- Director Schrader told the Board they can sign up for face book on the new city website. They can choose what they want to be updated on and a notice will automatically be sent.

Ald. Slowinski asked Director Schrader if there were many toboggan injuries and Schrader said this was unusual this year with two in the space of one week. He said they checked the speed and the toboggans run up to 31 miles per hour.

## **5. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Okonek to adjourn the January 5, 2011 meeting at 6:40 p.m.**

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