

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, October 4, 2017

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the July 5, 2017 Minutes**
3. **Draft Comprehensive Outdoor Park Plan (Discussion only)**
4. **Director's report**
5. **Adjournment**

1. **Roll Call**

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

Excused: Ald. Slowinski

Also Present: Director Tom Schrader, Kate Gullickson, Scott Halvorsen, Hannah Schlig, Jillion Jenkins, Goen Jungs

2. **Approval of the July 5, 2017 Minutes**

Motion by Hall, seconded by Glodosky, to approve the July 5, 2017 minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. **Draft Comprehensive Outdoor Park Plan (Discussion only)**

Director Schrader stated that the goal tonight was to get through the first seven sections of the plan. That a lot of these sections were taken from the city's comprehensive plan that SEH is preparing for the city. They are more boiler plate information about the city in general. Section 2 talks about the planning process the commission used to gather data to help prepare the plan. It broke down things going well, improvement areas, capital needs, operations and maintenance, threats, opportunities, along with developing a pie chart showing SWOT (strengths, weakness, opportunities, threats).

Freckman stated that the information about the city's topography was wrong. That the glaciers didn't inhabit the area millions of years ago. And that Scheemckle was misspelled throughout the document.

McDonald noted that the age distribution of the city showed that 26% of the population is 55 and over. Meaning that is why we are seeing a big demand for more trails and other passive recreation opportunities.

McDonald and Freckmann were both concerned to the need for future green space especially along the riverfront. Both were hoping that in the future the Council would do a better job in following the adopted riverfront plan.

Several commissioners questioned the employment breakdown table, especially as it relates to the insurance totals.

The commission made the following changes to the draft in Section 5.2

- Add lighted ball diamonds, remove playground equipment and remove upgrade playground equipment from 5.2.4
- Add lighted ball diamonds to 5.2.7
- Add lighted ball diamonds and upgrade beach to 5.2.10
- Add upgrade playground equipment to 5.2.11
- Change to lighted volleyball court and add lighted batting cages to 5.2.12

- Remove upgrade playground equipment to 5.2.14
- Remove playground equipment and upgrade playground equipment to 5.2.15
- Remove upgrade playground equipment to 5.2.19
- Remove 5.2.32 and 5.2.33
- Move Sculpture Park from 5.6 Institutional Lands to Sections 8 & 9

Schrader stated that in Section 6 he would like to follow up on the standards SEH was using as it relates to developed parks lands vs. undeveloped parks land.

The commission agreed to stop after Section 7 and continue the discussion at their November meeting.

4. Director's report

- He introduced Kate Gullickson the new Facilities Supervisor who started Monday. Bob Gregorich's last day will be January 2.
- The parks summer season will close Oct 15. We will once again keep the restrooms open at KASH, Bukolt boat launch, Iverson as long as the weather permits.
- Sculpture Park Committee has four new sculptures being worked on with an opening date scheduled for Oct 21 at 5:00 p.m. More information will be mailed to the Commissioners.
- New don't feed the waterfowl signs came in and are being installed.
- 2018 Capital improvement requests have been reviewed by the staff and Council, with the Council making their final review Monday night.
- Forestry monthly report and storm damage reports were distributed.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Hall, seconded by Ald. Oberstadt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.