

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2010**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the February 3, 2010 Minutes
3. Consideration and Possible Action on request to construct a viewing area at Cub Mancheski Field (St. Pt. American Baseball Club)
4. Consideration and Possible Action on 2010-2015 Comprehensive Outdoor Park Plan Goals & Objectives and Sections 6 and 7
5. Director's Report
6. Adjournment

1. Roll Call

Present: Bahling, Freckmann, Glodosky, Hall, McDonald, O'Meara, Okonek, Slowinski, West
Excused: Sorenson, Wiza
Also Present: Director Schrader, Peggy Rentz, Todd Rice, Jim Winch

2. Approval of the February 3, 2010 Minutes

Motion was made by West, seconded by O'Meara to approve the February 3, 2010 Board of Park Commissioners minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. Consideration and Possible Action on request to construct a viewing area at Cub Mancheski Field (St. Pt. American Baseball Club)

Todd Rice explained the American Legion Post 6 Baseball has requested to build a viewing area behind the Third Base dugout which he explained was a dead space and he said this area would provide handicap accessibility and would provide a better non-bleacher viewing area. He said as they get into the project some adjustments may be made to ensure its effectiveness.

Jim Winch said they try each year to make improvements as any improvements draw in more tournaments during the summer as well as Regional and State tournaments. These benefit the entire community. He went on to say this allows more room for people and can make the games more enjoyable.

Todd Rice said the total cost is approximately \$14,000 not including labor and he said they will be asking the Finance Committee to front the money and they will pay them back over three years, this will allow a spring construction this year.

Discussion and questions by the Board included the following points:

- Will the labor be donated and the Baseball Club said it will, they have used volunteers for other projects in the past, any volunteers will be welcome and they will be approaching more organizations for volunteers.
- Were bids solicited. Schrader and O'Meara said this does not meet the criteria that would require going through the bidding process. The Baseball Club said no, they have worked with Menards and found them very helpful, Menards has also offered to watch for the materials to be on sale so they can save them money.
- Type of material. The members of the Baseball Club said the decking will be composite as that will provide longer usage, the railings will be green treated lumber.
- Is green treated lumber safe for children, some is not recommended. Schrader and Rice said they will check to make sure that it is approved for the usage.
- Height and Length of the deck. Members of the Baseball Club said at this point it is 36" high, but they will do a physical, on site test to determine what will work the best for those in wheelchairs and the length will be adjusted, if necessary, to provide the best visibility and will be built around the handicap ramp.

- What will be placed under the deck and the Baseball Club answered at this point nothing, but when it is done, it will be whatever requires the least amount of maintenance.
- Was the Building inspector consulted and Schrader said yes, they have gone over this plan with the inspector.

Motion was made by Glodosky, seconded by Slowinski to approve the request to construct a viewing area at Cub Mancheski Field (St. Pt. American Baseball Club)

Director Schrader said this will have to go to the Finance Committee and they should call the Treasurer's Office in the morning to see if the item could be placed on the agenda for their March 8th meeting.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. Consideration and Possible Action on 2010-2015 Comprehensive Outdoor Park Plan Goals & Objectives and Sections 6 and 7

Director Schrader said we will be approving 6 and 7 this month and next month approve the whole plan.

O'Meara said he had some items he would like to bring up; the first one was in Section 6.2 – A) Bukolt Park, number 4. He said he would like to have it say *Continue to preserve and find use for bathhouse*. The second was that he would like to see a target date for the master plan, like 2020 and Director Schrader said we have the year 2015 and O'Meara said he would like to see that in Section 2.0, under Goals and Objectives, number 7, that we *insert 2015*. The Third was Section 2.0, under Goals and Objectives, number 4 to add *to meet at least annually* and cooperate with the County, etc.

McDonald asked if Section 7.2 under Pfiffner that shoreline preservation be included and Director Schrader said he thought that was addressed and if it wasn't he would include it. Schrader said we have been monitoring the Pfiffner Shoreline for the last few years.

McDonald also asked if Section 7.2 - R) number 5, *widening blacktop surface in Bukolt and Pfiffner* has been done and Schrader said it has and that could come out.

Motion was made by O'Meara, seconded by Hall to approve the changes to the 2010-2015 Comprehensive Outdoor Park Plan Goals & Objectives and Sections 6 and 7.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

5. Director's Report

Director Schrader reported:

- The Wisconsin National Guard has chosen the City of Stevens Point to host the 32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team homecoming celebration. The tentative date is June 19th, which will probably include a parade and many other festivities and it should wind up at about 6-7:00 p.m. He added there is a meeting coming up around the 11th or 12th of March to go over the details, they need to tell us what they want, we are honored to accommodate them. He also said they expect that about 2,500 will attend and it's estimated that 25% will stay the night in the City. He said they were impressed with the park and he said he will provide updates and he added we will be looking for volunteers.
- The winter sports areas will be closed by the weekend. This time of the year once the sledding hills are gone, we don't do any more snow hauling. If we get a substantial amount of snow, the gates will be opened and people can sled on their own.
- The Easter Egg hunt is on April 3rd, at 10:30 a.m. in Pfiffner Park, 1,600 plastic eggs and 400 pounds of jellybeans.
- We have the new bucket truck and we can thank the Mayor and the Common Council for that, we have been doing structural pruning of trees. The Street Department has used it to change light bulbs and while

they were using it, we did some pruning along 66 in Iverson, east of the main channel and the wooden bridge is visible. Some groups have expressed interest in volunteering.

- The Forester has been working with the Town of Hull to set up an Oak Wilt condemnation procedure. The City residents living where the City abuts the Town of Hull have been notified to dispose of their infected trees but since the Town of Hull has no ordinance the Hull residents have not been required to remove their infected trees. As a result, we are working with them in an effort to control the spread of Oak Wilt in these areas.
- The Forester is also working on assembling volunteers to again spread wood chips in the parking lots. This will free up a good deal of time that city crews can be doing other work.
- The flowers and trees are ordered, tree planting will be on Fourth, Kingfisher and in East Oaks Park .
- He noted that Kent Hall provided an update on Kozcizkowski Park and Sue Hall said seven area schools have become involved in coming to the Park and learning from the Audubon.

Slowinski said the community cleanup will be April 25th and he is working with Woodlands Church in Plover and he expects a large number of volunteers so he will be looking for ideas where we can put people to work, he is looking for a list of things to do.

6. Adjournment

Motion was made by O'Meara, seconded by Hall to adjourn the March 3, 2010 Board of Park Commissioners meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.