

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010**

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the March 3, 2010 Minutes**
3. **Review of Current Public Address System Policy at Donald Copps Municipal Pool (Aldersperson Walther)**
4. **Consideration and Possible Action on Skateboard Park Site Plan**
5. **Consideration and Possible Action on 2010-2015 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Park Plan**
6. **Director's Report**
7. **Adjournment**

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Bahling, Freckmann, McDonald, O'Meara, Okonek, Slowinski, Sorenson, Wiza

Excused: Glodosky, Hall, West

Also Present: Director Schrader, Peggy Rentz, Jami Gebert, Bridget Stafford, Chris Wiza, Ald. Mary Stroik, Ald. Roger Trzebiatowski

**2. Approval of the March 3, 2010 Minutes**

**Motion was made by Okonek, seconded by Slowinski to approve the March 3, 2010 minutes and place them on file.**

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

**3. Review of Current Public Address System Policy at Donald Copps Municipal Pool (Aldersperson Walther)**

Director Schrader said Aldersperson Walter had asked that this be on the agenda, he said the current policy has been in effect since 1992 and this has been the first complaint. He said this resident had purchased her home in 2007.

Bridget Stafford, 2509 Prais Street, said she was pleased there was a policy in place and her concerns included that the volume seemed to depend on which employees were working, and that the new system seems louder with more clarity.

Director Schrader said the employees are instructed not to go above 8 on the volume and he added weather can affect the sound, things such as humidity and the speed and direction of the wind.

The Board discussed possibly turning the speakers, lowering the volume, and Bahling reminded Stafford that when purchasing a home next to a park, noise can be expected. They also discussed decibel measuring and that the City does not have a decibel ordinance, noise complaints are left to the discretion of the Police.

Wiza suggested the Board address the issue when the pool is open and in operation, that it's difficult to make a decision on the music volume without actually hearing it at different levels.

The consensus of the Board was to review and address this issue after the pool is open for the season.

#### **4. Consideration and Possible Action on Skateboard Park Site Plan**

Director Schrader said that in December 2008 the Park Commission approved the Skateboard Park in Bukolt Park adjacent to the boat launch as shown in the drawings in the packet. He said the fund raising is going well but the design may cost more than what they actually have raised to this date, but he felt it was time to move forward, if the cost is higher they can scale back on certain features that will not affect the usage of the skateboard area.

Jami Gebert referred to the memo in the packets that also included fundraising information, cost estimates and drawings.

Wiza said his only concern was a possible conflict with people using the boat launch who would be maneuvering their boats and trailers around, and he asked to make sure the skateboard parking area would be clear of that. Gebert said that can be taken care of in how they design and place the landscaping to create the entrance.

Roger Trzebiatowski expressed concern about landscaping and asked if a fence would be necessary to keep motor vehicles off the skateboard area.

Schrader said fencing could actually be dangerous for the users, and he added they will be doing landscaping with trees and partially buried boulders to make the skateboard park look more natural to the area. He said it would be illegal for people to drive vehicles on the skateboard area, but something like that could happen anywhere.

O'Meara asked if it has to be scaled back, will it be easily expandable when more funds are raised, and Gebert said it's designed for a phase 2, so expanding shouldn't be a problem.

Other questions included how much smaller, what the construction time line is and what the hours of usage would be.

Gebert said the size might be scaled down to 9,000 square feet from 11,000 square feet and there may be other ways to cut the costs if they need to. She said they hope to start construction this year and have it completed by fall and it will be open the same hours that the park is open.

Director Schrader said this will go to council after the bids are opened.

**Motion was made by Okonek, seconded by Wiza to approve the site plan for construction of the Skateboard Park in Bukolt Park as presented and discussed, with the stipulation that any significant changes be brought back to the Board of Park Commissioners for their approval.**

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

#### **5. Consideration and Possible Action on 2010-2015 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Park Plan**

Director Schrader said there were a couple of minor corrections on page 40, item A, where it should read "Less than 1/3-mile radius" instead of "Less than 3-mile radius" and directly under that it should read "1/3 to 1/2 mile radius..." instead of "3 to 2-mile radius..." He said he also added a Section 8 which is a Project Cost Breakdown Plan and a Section 9 showing the park service areas.

**Motion was made by O'Meara, seconded by McDonald to approve the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for 2010-2015 with the revisions as presented**

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

## **6. Director's Report**

Director Schrader reported:

- Summer registration for city residents opened on April 5<sup>th</sup>, non-resident registration will open on April 19<sup>th</sup>. It's off to a slow start.
- Because of the warm weather and user requests, we opened restrooms early at Pfiffner, KASH, and the Bukolt boat launch. The other restrooms will be open by May 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the opening date for the parks. The restrooms are not heated and the other potential problem opening them early is we do not have funds for security prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> so if there is a vandalism problem they will be closed up. He added KASH has gotten enough funding to heat the restrooms so they can be opened earlier and kept open later in the season.
- The Ice Show is this Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> is clean up day, if anyone has areas they want added they can call Woodlands Church. They will be working with us spreading woodchips.
- The Iverson dredging permit was submitted last week. We should hear in a couple of weeks, the only delay might be that we may have to do a sample because of the volume of the 740 C.Y. estimate.
- We should be able to submit the Mead fishing Pier by the end of the week.
- Riverfront Arts made u-tube with their Peeps Show display.
- The Arts Council met and will not be granting to non-profit organizations, the money will be needed to offset unexpected expenses at Riverfront Arts. Postage expenses were moved from the general postage budget to come out of the Riverfront Arts budget.

Director Schrader was asked if there will be heavy equipment used for the dredging in Iverson and he said there would, but they will wait until October when park usage winds down.

## **7. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by O'Meara, seconded by Wiza to adjourn the April 7, 2010 Board of Park Commissioners meeting at 7:06 p.m.**

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