

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

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the September 1, 2010 Minutes**
- 3. Consideration and Possible Action on concept of replacing existing ball diamond at Iverson Park with two Little League size diamonds (St. Pt Youth Baseball Assoc.)**
- 4. Update on Skateboard Park**
- 5. Director's Report**
- 6. Adjournment**

1. Roll Call

Present: Brooks, Freckmann, Glodosky, McDonald, Okonek, Slowinski

Excused: Bahling, Hall

Absent: O'Meara, Sorenson, West

Also Present: Director Schrader, Peggy Rentz, Peter Danielsen, Alderpersons Suomi and M. Stroik

2. Approval of the September 1, 2010 Minutes

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Slowinski to approve the September 1, 2010 minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. Consideration and Possible Action on concept of replacing existing ball diamond at Iverson Park with two Little League size diamonds (St. Pt Youth Baseball Assoc.)

Director Schrader said the request to the Board was to approve the concept of replacing the existing diamond in Iverson Park with two little league diamonds. He said Board approval of the concept will allow the Youth Baseball Association to go to the next step. He added there are areas that need to be addressed such as the timing of renovation; who is responsible for daily and long term maintenance costs; that we will need to have a long term field commitment established for the 13 year old league; and who will fund any new operational costs, such as sewer, water, and electric. He noted that the difference in little league and 13-year old league is the size of the field.

Glodosky expressed concern if this was all really needed, taking into consideration the expense and that maybe something could be worked out at other fields, such as Morton and Mead.

Discussion followed regarding scheduling issues, especially for the 13 year old league and did this affect our winter sports area; are all the users that would be affected by this on board; concern over building removal; and parking. Director Schrader said the first plan they presented would have affected winter sport usage, but the present one wouldn't cause any interference. He added that the only group that would be affected would be the 13 year old league and we will have to have a long term agreement for them, this will all come back to the Board before it will be approved. As for the building, it's a current concession stand that has no water or sewer, only packaged food can be sold, and the building is in bad shape. He said regarding the parking, there currently is plenty of parking, the potential future parking would be only if it is needed.

Aldersperson Suomi asked if the University Cross Country will be affected and Director Schrader said they do not rent the park, they just use it and they may have to re-route, but they have done that in the past without any problems.

Motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Slowinski to approve the concept of replacing the existing ball diamond at Iverson Park with two little league size diamonds and that the Stevens Point Youth Baseball Association meet the criteria for the areas that need to be addressed as listed, and bring the final plans to the Board for approval.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. Update on Skateboard Park

Director Schrader said it is finally completed, the grand opening will be at 4:30 p.m. on November 4th. He said the process went well, the contractor did a great job and he wanted to commend the Skate Board Committee for raising the money, and also the Park staff for doing a great job.

McDonald said she was very pleased with the end result and wanted to thank the Mayor and Director Schrader and his staff for the work they did on it.

5. Director's Report

Director Schrader reported:

- The recent windstorm caused minimal damage on boulevard trees because we pre-trim our trees and keep them in good shape and it is paying off.
- The Forestry Department planted 29 trees, container trees of different species, more bird friendly trees to tie into Bird City USA.
- 26 large shade trees were planted at the Skate Park by staff and the university.
- Davies has completed the Tree Management plan and will be doing a short presentation at our next meeting on tree inventory, etc.
- Friday night will be SPASH and Appleton North at Goerke, he said we were able to host two home games because of the turf field. He said the Athletic Director at SPASH is working on getting level 4 neutral games for Division 2 which will bring non-related teams to the area and bring in money for field rental and concession sales and also the purchase of food and gas. He said SPASH and Pacelli aren't level 4 so that's why it would be for neutral games. He added we wouldn't have any of this if it weren't for the turf.
- There's an area around the Bandshell which has sunk and we are doing repairs by raising it and laying sod.
- Aldersperson Slowinski asked for an update on Iverson Park and Director Schrader said just today we hired a person through Americorps who will be in charge of establishing stream restoration and tree maintenance/brush removal and work on buildings and bridges. He will be directed to go to Aldersperson Slowinski for volunteers. This winter we will try to work on brush removal and he will line that up.
- Okonek asked about the status of the dredging permit and Director Schrader said we have the permit, he talked to Stuczynski and he will be getting to it as soon as he wraps up other work in the City. They will work on it even if it gets late into the fall, the permit is good for a year. They will be working on the side closest to the channel to get the current going again, about 870 feet, more or less.

- McDonald asked about the section of Green Circle Trail between HH and the Sewage Treatment Plant and also the mural. Director Schrader said the Green Circle Committee considered abandoning that section because of almost yearly spring flooding and the expense to repair, but he said the culvert is now working, which helps, but the recent flooding was just too much. He said the Committee opted to repair the section because of the high usage. They are working with a contractor and Director Halverson, Water Department, to move the fence back to make it easier for trucks getting in there to work on the trail. They are hoping to do more resurfacing this year near River Pines.

He added as for the mural, it's part of the 150 Celebration, these are the people voted the 10 most influential. He said all that needs to be done on it, if weather cooperates, is sealing.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Glodosky, seconded by Okonek to adjourn the November 3, 2010 Board of Park Commissioners at 6:55 p.m.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.