

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2010**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the November 3, 2010 Minutes**
- 3. Consideration and Possible Action on Adoption of 2011 Price Structure**
- 4. Consideration and Possible Action on Fee Waiver of Piffner Park Bandshell for Kustom Kemps of America**
- 5. Director's Report**
- 6. Adjournment**

1. Roll Call

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

Excused: Sorenson

Absent: West

Also Present: Director Schrader, Peggy Rentz, Cathy Dugan, Tom Beck, John Tomaszewski, Alderpersons Suomi and M. Stroik

2. Approval of the November 3, 2010 Minutes

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Slowinski to approve the November 3, 2010 minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. Consideration and Possible Action on Adoption of 2011 Price Structure

Director Schrader said this was the annual review of the price structure and although it shows through 2014, we are approving only the 2011 amounts. It is shown through 2014 as a guideline for our user groups and the general public, as to what the fees could be.

The change to Learn to Skate is to reflect that the classes run from 6 to 9 weeks and the amounts are set accordingly.

A discussion took place which included questions as to why the lodge rentals have had the largest increase, why a spike in track practice, and also why the difference in lighting costs for baseball and football. Director Schrader said our lodge rental costs are the lowest around for this type of rental, it's a deal for 13 hours of usage, but he noted they will remain the same for 2012. We haven't used that practice fee for SPASH because they helped with the resurfacing so it's for outside tournaments and he explained the lighting costs are based on the amount of lights at each of the facilities .

Alderperson Suomi said being a newer Alderperson she had some questions, her first concern was that the cost of a family pass eventually might become too expensive. She asked why Teen Night was no longer offered and Director Schrader said we worked with the YMCA for several years but the numbers dropped and it didn't pay to run it anymore. Suomi suggested trying it again by working with the schools in an effort to keep teens physically active. Suomi also asked for cost comparisons of the grass and turf and Director Schrader said the cost is the same, we were losing money maintaining the grass but are breaking even with the turf. She also asked why we do not charge to SPSA, SPYBA, SPYGSA, and the Legion and Director Schrader explained that we had

previously run those programs and they took them over, we do prepare the fields and get our 10% from concessions sold which off-sets some of the maintenance cost. He said we no longer have a Recreation Programmer, so money is saved by them taking over the day to day operations.

Suomi said she would like to know more about the actual expenses and justification for the fees.

O'Meara referred to the boat slip costs being the cheapest around and that the renters are probably more able to pay larger increases, he felt they should get the same percentages as other fees. He said we should keep things like baseball/softball and pool fees lower and instead raise the boat slips.

Director Schrader said the boat slip fees were increased last year and he said if percentages were used where we have such a large range of amounts, some would only be raised by pennies. Where maintenance and supplies are involved, we have to cover wage increases and supply increases.

O'Meara said he understood but would like to see more of an increase on boat slips.

Motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Hall to adopt the 2011 Price Structure as presented.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. Consideration and Possible Action on Fee Waiver of Pfiffner Park Bandshell for Kustom Kemps of America

Director Schrader said no action will be needed on this item. He explained that the Special Event Committee met earlier in the day and had enough money left over to allow \$1,500 to go to this event. He explained that this event met the criteria we are looking for, and the Committee backed funding this new event. He said John Tomaszewski will fill out the application and the money they receive will cover the fees they were requesting us to waive.

Discussion followed with questions on insurance and security. Director Schrader and Tomaszewski both explained the City need not have additional insurance and that KKOA carries their own. Schrader said as for additional security concerns, we are really getting off the agenda item, but he said the City does absorb the cost of security for many other events.

Additional discussion followed about future funding of the event and Director Schrader explained the Special Events Committee will have access to the costs and budgeting for any events they help fund and have in the past allotted funding for additional years if an event is successful but losing money. They have helped other events for a couple years until they break even.

5. Director's Report

Director Schrader said Stevens Point will be the first City in Wisconsin to become Bird City Wisconsin and the award will be presented on December 2 at 9:30 a.m. at the Pinerias Room at the Portage County Library.

He also reported:

- City league games start on Monday, December 6th, and a new, well received, over 40 basketball league will start on December 2nd.
- Outdoor winter sports are ready to go, all we need is snow.

- The Special Events Committee met, there were six applications and two were approved and after approving the KKOA event, it will be three out of seven.
- He is working with the Little League on the field design at Iverson.

6. Adjournment

Motion was made by Glodosky, seconded by Slowinski to adjourn the December 1, 2010 Board of Park Commissioners meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.