

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
Monday, January 11, 2010
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Mayor Andrew Halverson, C/T John Schlice, Director Joel Lemke and Tricia Church; Alderpersons: Tom Mallison(1st), Hans Walther(2nd), Michael O’Meara(3rd), Roger Trzebiatowski(7th), and Brian Brooks(10th).

ALSO

PRESENT: DIRECTORS: Tom Schrader, Kim Halverson and Michael Morrissey.
CITY STAFF MEMBERS: Attorney Louis Molepske, Clerk John Moe, Assessor Jim Siebers, Administrative Director Jeff Morris. Assistant Streets Superintendent Bruce Peplinski, Mayoral Assistant Kelley Pazdernik, Airport Manager Joe Wheeler.
ALDERPERSONS: Mike Wiza(4th), Mary Stroik(5th), Jeremy Slowinski(6th), Marge Molski(8th), Randy Stroik(9th), Jerry Moore(11th).
OTHERS PRESENT: Gene Kemmeter – PC Gazette, Barb Jacob – 4th District, Jason Glisczynski – 2124 Rice Street, David Ratz – 1800 Fremont Street, Elbert Rackow – 1824 Gilkay Street, Joanne Suomi – 2300 4th Avenue, Ian Goldberg – 2125 Lincoln Avenue.

Mayor Halverson called the meeting of the Board of Public Works to order on January 11, 2010 at 6:05 PM. The meeting was held at The Lincoln Center Conference Room, 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

1. Parking Meter Report for December, 2009 (attachment)

There was no discussion regarding the December, 2009 Parking Meter Report.

C/T Schlice moved; seconded by Alderperson O’Meara to accept the December, 2009 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Presentation by: Faculty Advisor for UWSP Disc Golf Club (attachment)

Ian Goldberg, 2125 Lincoln Avenue took the podium for the presentation. He works for UWSP and is the Faculty Advisor for the Campus Disc Golf Club. He is requesting that the City allow them to reinstall the disc golf course that was on Patch Street at McDill Pond. The City needed to take it out approximately 6 years ago when the first dredging operation occurred. At that time it was only to be a temporary condition and they would be allowed to get the course back in place once the pond was dredged. The City then had to do other work which required them to use that same area and now all the work is done, the time is right to possibly put the course back in.

He went on to explain the demand for disc golf in our community. We have a course at Mead Park, Yulga Park, and a pay course at Standing Rocks. The two City courses are heavily used and are at capacity and the demands continue to rise as more and more people join the club. The club has helped get a disc golf club going at Mid-State Technical College and SPASH. The students are actively involved and understand the sport requires a volunteer labor ethic. They understand that nothing is going to get done by others; they have to step up and do a lot of the work and are willing to do it. They have been doing a lot of maintenance work regularly at Yulga Park along with course improvements. The various clubs raise a lot of the funds to pay for things like concrete tea pads, new baskets and replacing signage. They also do a lot of volunteer work in terms of regular upkeep like picking up garbage and doing landscaping.

He commented that the McDill Pond course, when it was in the ground, was very popular and with it being in the city is very easy to get to for a lot of the younger players that don't have much for transportation. He also feels it will be a great place for beginning players.

He went on to explained that over the last few years they have walked the course site to see what kinds of changes have taken place due to the dredging. He feels there is only one area that will need some grading and topsoil, but for the most part, they should be able to restore it to the same course they had before. They already have the baskets, but a few of the anchors need to be replaced. In terms of the amount of commitment they are requesting from the city will be minimal. They would do a lot of the work, but ask the city provide some materials. The only regular reoccurring maintenance they would need after this is mowing the course approximately four times per year, trash cans to be put in near the parking area and then regular garbage and recycle pick-up of them.

Aldersperson Trzebiatowski asked if we had any estimates on what the cost would be for the City as far as maintenance. Mayor Halverson explained that what we would have to; if we would move forward, get together with the Public Works Department to get an estimate on excavation and grading along with the Parks Department for mowing and such for ongoing maintenance. We could possibly get the departments together and bring an approximate estimate back next month.

Aldersperson O'Meara moved that we refer a letter to the Department of Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Departments bring forward cost estimates and recommendations on how we should proceed sometime next month, Mayor Halverson seconded that motion as said.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Airport Manager's Report (attachment)

There were no updates or discussion regarding the Airport Manager's Report.

Aldersperson O'Meara moved; seconded by Aldersperson Walther to accept the Airport Manager's Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. Director's Report (attachment)

Director Lemke added that he took his first week to meet with the staff of Public Works and talk about the protocol procedures on the way offices are run with Streets, Engineering and Transit.

Aldersperson Brooks questioned how proposals are reviewed for the Country Club Drive/Hoover Road Grade Separation Project. Director Lemke responded that it was staff reviewed and there was a list of criteria they were rated on and independently graded and compared them at the end. The two that rose to the top are successful as far as getting interviewed to be able to do this project. Aldersperson O'Meara added it is because of the federal laws, they say if it is federally funded you can only engage the services of engineering firm's dependant on a list of qualifications.

Aldersperson Walther moved; seconded by Aldersperson Trzebiatowski to accept the Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Halverson adjourned the January 11, 2010 Board of Public Works meeting at 6:24 P.M.