

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

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1. ROLL CALL

Present: Bahling, Brooks, Curtis, Glodosky, McDonald, Trzebiatowski, Wiza

Excused: Freckmann, Hall, Sorenson

Absent: Okonek

Also Present: Director Schrader, Peggy Rentz, Reid Rocheleau, Marcy Kirsch, Trevor Roark, Ald. Slowinski

2. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2008 MINUTES

Motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Wiza to approve the October 1, 2008 Minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. 2009 PRICE STRUCTURE

Director Schrader said we are approving only the 2009 Price Structure, the 2010 through 2012 are projected for the purpose of helping those who use our facilities prepare their budgets and they understand they are only projections which are subject to change. He said the increased rates reflect staffing costs.

The Director was asked if we operate in the black, if the new turf has had an impact, and if ice is still being rented.

Director Schrader answered that some programs break even, some make a little money, and some do not. As for the new turf, he said we have been able to allow more games, but he doesn't have all the figures yet, we will know after this year. He said one savings is that the workers who worked the old turf for an hour or so a day were freed up to do other things because labor on the new turf was reduced and we were able to get other work done. He added the ice is still being rented, the university is using it more for intramural and classes.

Ald. Wiza said although he wasn't recommending a change at this time, he wanted to go on record that he thought we were charging too little for the covered boat slips.

Ald. Brooks noticed a discrepancy under the K.B. Willett Arena, Stars on Ice I & II, the non-resident amount actually went down in the proposed 2012, from \$76 to \$73. Director Schrader said that was an error and should be \$78 and we will change that.

Motion was made by Wiza, seconded by Trzebiatowski to approve the 2009 Price Structure as presented and to amend the 2012 proposed item under K.B. Willett Arena - Stars on Ice I & II from \$73 to \$78.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. LOCATING PROPOSED SKATEBOARD PARK IN BUKOLT PARK

Director Schrader said he met with the Skateboard Committee and they considered other sites that are listed in his notes, but none of them seemed to work as well as the Bukolt site. He said it is a "dead" area in the park that is seldom used but has to be maintained. The site is the right size, right terrain, not adjacent to residential areas, and there are restrooms and parking close by. The one challenge is that the water tables are from 2.5 to 5 feet below grade but they are hoping it can be designed to accommodate that.

A discussion followed that included issues such as:

When would a design be available. Director Schrader said they needed the site approval before they can work with a designer and that design will be brought back to the Board. McDonald said they wouldn't spend money on a design until they knew where the facility would be located so it can be designed to fit the site.

Skateboard Committee approval of this site. Trevor Roark said they are in favor of this site location.

Conflicts with a group of high school students that frequent the park during their lunch. Director Schrader pointed out the group is there at a time when other skateboarders may not be there, since it is during the school year. He also said he had spoken with other communities and they encounter the same problems.

Parking. This seemed to be the largest concern and the consensus of the Board was that the facility be designed in such a manner to encourage parking in the gravel area and in a manner to not interfere with boaters maneuvering their trailers. Director Schrader said the closest neighbor asked about parking and he explained the location of the facility and she had no objections.

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Wiza to approve the location of the Skateboard Park in Bukolt Park as presented.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schrader reported:

- The plans for the Sculpture Park may be ready by the January meeting. He said after the final numbers from the feasibility study came in, the

park will have to be scaled back and will be developed over time. It will be an environmental sculpture park, which will fit our community. He said having a sculpture park eliminates sculptures in neighborhoods where everyone may not enjoy the same type of art and this would allow something for everyone who chooses to visit the Sculpture Park.

- **An update on the Dog Park is that they have started fundraising and there is a meeting next week and one of the things to be discussed will be the placement of signs that will show the future site of the park.**
- **Reid Rocheleau distributed samples of signs showing a dog and a bone-shaped thermometer to measure the progress of the fundraising. The consensus of the Board was that they found the sign to be attractive and eye catching. Mr. Rocheleau said he would welcome any input and was willing to contribute to the cost of the signs. It was suggested he put these in places such as pet stores. Mr. Rocheleau indicated he wanted to get all the necessary committee approval before moving ahead.**
- **President Glodosky suggested that after the Dog Park Committee meets they come back to the Board with an update.**
- **Work started on the skating rinks today, the new truck works very well for this purpose.**
- **The football season was good, we were able to run two games in a row because of the new turf, games we wouldn't have had. He also thanked Rettler and Associates for working so hard to get the field ready.**
- **He said in 2010 we will start a new five-year plan by doing a survey. He said when he attended the fall conference he got a copy of a survey from another community and he had made changes to fit it to our city. He asked the Board to look it over and said he was told one of the most important items was #12 where they ask how much they would be willing to raise taxes to be used for parks, acquiring land and such. It was important to ask it that way so they know the money would be used for parks. He also said the survey is short as they should be and it will be sent with self-addressed stamped envelopes because that has brought back a good percentage of returns in the past. He said he hasn't quite decided who to send it to, if he should use a percentage off the voting lists or off the tax rolls. Bahling suggested he target user groups and business people. The Director asked them to look it over and call with any suggestions or changes.**

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Wiza, seconded by Bahling to adjourn the December 3, 2008 Board of Park Commissioners at 7:35 p.m.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

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