

Meeting Minutes
Board of Park Commissioners
February 7, 2007

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1. Roll Call

Present: Bahling, Barber, Curtis, Freckmann, Glodosky, Hall, McDonald, Okonek, Robinson, Sorenson

Excused: Sevenich

Also Present: Roger Trzebiatowski

2. Approval of the December 6, 2006 Minutes

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Hall to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2006 meeting and place them on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none. Motion Carried.

3. Recommendation on 2007-2008 Soda Vending Contract for Parks

Director Schrader said this is for a two year agreement and proposals were solicited from both Pepsi and Coca Cola; Pepsi declined submitting a proposal and the Director's recommendation was to accept the Midwest Coca Cola proposal. He added that the percentage might go down from 50% to approximately 23%-33% so we would lose a little profit, depending on sales.

McDonald asked if the level of light from the vending machines would be lessened and Director Schrader said it would be reduced, the soda machines near the Bukolt bath house would have no lighting, he said this was incorporated into the quote.

Motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McDonald to approve the two-year proposal submitted by Midwest Coca Cola Bottling Company for the 2007-2008 Parks Soda Vending Contract.

Ayes - all; Nays - none. Motion Carried.

4. Recommendation on Renewal of Concession Agreements with Stevens Point Youth Softball Association and Stevens Point American Legion

Director Schrader referred to the "Example" concession agreement in the packet; he said the same agreement is used for both the Youth Softball Association and the American Legion and added this agreement has been in use over a long period of time. As far as he knows, there has never been a problem and he recommends approval.

Motion was made by Glodosky, seconded by Bahling to approve five-year renewals of the Concession Agreements with Stevens Point Youth Girls Softball Association and Stevens Point American Legion as presented.

Ayes - all; Nays - none. Motion Carried.

5. Approve site location of restroom facility for Bukolt Boat Launch

Director Schrader referred to a photo in the packet and explained his recommendation for the site between the Green Circle Trail and the entrance to the boat launch. He said the original Riverfront plan called for a bathroom/shelter located south of the boat launch and west of the Bukolt Ball Diamond. He said getting sewer and water over to that location would require destroying too many trees and he added he didn't believe we need a full shelter, but restrooms are needed. He said the facility would probably be about 10'x15', very similar to the KASH playground restrooms. He said this site will also service the Green Circle Trail. He added the other locations might look like they are in the middle of the field and possibly interfere with parking. He also said he moved the recommended site back a little for safety reasons, to avoid the possibility of bicyclists not seeing the boat trailers.

He went on to say the good news is that we received \$25,000 through the dam re-licensing agreement, but the bad news is that there used to be a recreational boating aid that came from gasoline taxes but the DNR needed that money for something else last year. He said we are going to go ahead and bid the project to see what it comes in as and hopefully between what we have budgeted in Capital Improvements and the money from the dam re-licensing, we will have enough to build the restrooms.

He went on to say the only group he has heard from is the Prime Water Anglers fishing group that Alderperson Wiza belongs to and they support the recommended location. Alderperson Wiza also supports the location.

Barber asked if a bubbler could be included and said at one time it was suggested dedicating these to former Mayor Scott Schultz. Director Schrader said the dedication would have to go through the formal dedication process but we can include a bubbler now. He said we will also be installing a light at the launch

Questions asked included how long the restrooms would be open; where the sewer and water was coming from; and had we ever considered portable facilities.

Director Schrader said the restrooms would be open the normal season of May 1st through the second Sunday of October; the sewer and water was coming from the lodges, it would be a long run including grinder pumps or whatever was needed; he said a portable facility has an odor factor and we would have to build something around it, also the rental is around \$90 to \$95 a month.

Motion was made by Barber, seconded by Hall to approve the recommended site location of a rest room facility including a bubbler for the Bukolt boat launch between the Green Circle Trail and the entrance to the boat launch.

Ayes - all; Nays - none. Motion Carried.

6. Director's Report

Director Schrader reported the Iverson Winter Sports area's sledding and tobogganing facilities are completely open for the first time in maybe four years, he said credit should be given to the staff who hauled snow in and packed it and that along with the cold weather has made it possible. He also said food sales are up, there has been great attendance.

He said we have received awards for Tree City USA for the 26th time and this is the 8th time we have received the Growth award which is harder to come by and is a pretty special award.

He went on to say the Forester just came back from a seminar that addressed the Emerald Ash Bore, which is a future potential problem that has spread to the northern part of Illinois. He said they are setting up procedures on how to handle it. It is a devastating disease and if a concentration of trees were infected, trees would have to be destroyed a half-mile around. The Forester will have more information as it becomes available. He said we have Ash trees downtown and the Forester is working with the downtown people. He said the good news is that only about 11% - 13% of the street trees are Ash, so it won't devastate the entire City and that's why we diversify tree types as they are planted throughout the City. The bug is transported by firewood, even through pulp trains. He said the Forester wants to get the word out to the community so they don't purchase Ash trees for their private spring plantings.

The issue of Ash trees as a popular landscaping tree was brought up and Director Schrader said the Forester is removing the tree from the lists that are presented to property owners when boulevard trees are planted. Freckmann said it spreads rapidly in landscaping, particularly where there are no other types of trees.

Trzebiatowski asked if there were chemicals that would kill the bug and both Schrader and Freckmann said no, but community awareness will help stop the spread.

Director Schrader went on to report that good news for us is Goerke Field won the Football Field of the Year Award through the Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association. He said we were up against about six other fields and credit should be given to the staff who work on it and Rettler and Associates for the help and expertise they have provided.

He said the Plan Commission approved the Skateboard park concept and passed it on to the Council. He said there is a State Statute that says some Park issues will have to go to the Plan Commission, but he could tell Plan Commission wasn't completely at ease since the Park Board is in charge of the Park. He said the Statute didn't apply to KASH playground because we were adding on to an existing playground area that is already there, it's for things construed as changes of use to a park and adding a skateboard park could be seen as change.

Robinson asked about the sequence of meetings and Director Schrader said it would be Parks, Plan Commission and then Council.

When asked about the motion from Plan Commission Director Schrader said it was to approve the concept, the site plans will come back to the Park Commission.

Curtis said they are working on getting a wheelchair accessible hot air balloon for the KASH playground grand opening on June 9th, they are hopeful that will work out.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Curtis, seconded by Sorenson to adjourn the February 2007 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Ayes - all; Nays - none. Motion Carried.

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