

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

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1. Roll Call

Present - Freckmann, McDonald, Moore, Wiza, Okonek, Curtis, Sorenson, Sevenich

Absent Excused - Glodosky, Hall

Also Present - Donald Zalewski, Joe Milanowski, Tom Schrader, Carole Francel

2. Approval of the March 1, 2006 Minutes

Motion was made by Okonek, seconded by Wiza to approve the Minutes of the March 1, 2006 Meeting.

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

3. Request to Extend Current Beverage Contract at Goerke Ball Diamond Concession Six Years (St. Pt. Youth Girls Softball Assoc.)

Schrader explained, to the Commissioners, the policy in effect, established in 1987, that would let the concessionaire handle any exclusive agreements with companies with the following guidelines:

1. The agreements are exclusive to their specific area only. This area will be established by this Board.
2. Any advertising to be placed in the parks or facilities from an agreement between the concessionaire/company, be approved by this Board.
3. Any major funds/equipment donated/received by the concessionaire from a company due to an agreement, be put into improving the park/facility.
4. They deal equitably with all companies as it relates to granting exclusive rights.

The Stevens Point Youth Girls Softball Assoc. would like to extend their current vending contract with Coca-Cola an additional six years. Their current contract was six years and would expire May 2, 2008.

Schrader feels, that by extending the contract without negotiating with various companies, it may limit the funds/package they may have received through a competitive process. As staff, if the Association feels it is in the best interest of their Association to lock themselves into a contract until 2014, with no options for any new funding for the next nine years, he would recommend approval.

Joe Milanowski, from the Association, said that they need the scoreboard now, had submitted a letter to Pepsi to see if they were interested (their offer was not as good) and they feel Coca-Cola has been very good to them and it is in the best interest of the Association to stay with them and extend the contract to 2014. They would receive \$3,500.00 plus \$500.00/year.

Curtis thought that it would not be a good move to lock themselves in for that period of time and those feelings were also shared by Wiza.

McDonald wondered about putting an extension limit for future requests and Schrader said we could address that issue at our next meeting although he didn't think it would probably ever come up again

Motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Wiza to approve extending the Coca-Cola contract, at Goerke Ball Diamond Concession, an additional six years for the Stevens Point Youth Girls Softball Association to expire in 2014.

Ayes: Freckmann, McDonald, Moore, Wiza, Okonek, Sorenson, Sevenich

Nays: Curtis

Motion carried.

4. Update on KASH Playground

Schrader updated the Commissioners on the status of the KASH playground as follows:

- Request for proposals Friday, April 7th
- Equipment and installation \$160,000, April 26th
- Committee meets using point system, April 29th.
- Bid out, May 1st.
- Grand Opening, Labor Day
- Ground breaking, May 18th at 10:00a.m.
- Memorial trees have been removed and replanted nearby
- Funding going very well

5. Director's Report

- April 17 DNR will present Common Council with Tree City USA for 25th year and Growth Award for 7th year. Public Service Grant for trees and sign.
- Arbor Day April 28 at 11:00a.m. Iverson Park. Will be planting Tamaracks and a silver maple totaling 110 trees provided by an Urban Forestry Grant.
- Replanting American Elms; need 25 donated with 12 purchased
- Summer registration being taken now for city residents
- Spud City Nationals will not be fencing off the area for their event 8/19, 8/20
- Common Council reversed Board's decision on the Jet Ski Promotion Tour and they will be allowed to have the event on July 22nd at Bukolt.

6. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Carole Francel was acknowledged for 30 years of service as the secretary for the Park & Recreation Department and has announced her

retirement on June 2nd. This being her last Park Board Meeting, she was presented with a delicious cake, card and beautiful vase of Tulips. I (Carole) would like to mention a "big thank you" to Liz McDonald for coordinating this special event for me and I am very grateful. It has been a wonderful 30 years being employed with the City and I will have a lot of fond memories as I move on with my life.

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