

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

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1. Roll Call

Present - Freckmann, Glodosky, Curtis, Bahling, McDonald, Sevenich, Hall, Okonek, Barber

Absent - Robinson

Also Present - Ald. Moore, Jami Gebert, Ald. Molski, Ron Carlson, Sasha Vieth, Andy Janicki, Chris Diehm, Troy Durkee, Ald. Trzebiatowski, Anton Anday, Heather Clark, Ald. Slowinski, Peggy Rentz

2. Approval of the May 3, 2006 Minutes as amended May 15, 2006 Common Council

Director Schrader explained the amendment to the May 2006 minutes was in Item 5 about three quarters of the way down; Ald. Robinson stated he said "injury" instead of "insurance" so that word was changed and the words "due to the lower accident rate" were removed.

Motion was made by Bahling, seconded by Glodosky to approve the amended minutes of the May 3, 2006 meeting.

Ayes - all; Nays - none. Motion Carried.

3. Update from Skateboard Park Sub-Committee

Sasha Vieth referred to the Sub-Committee meeting held prior to the Board meeting saying she was pleased with the response of the community, including both adults and youths, and said they will continue to seek input from the public. She referred to a handout that contains information including a survey that was taken with 73% of those surveyed in favor of a skateboard park. She went on to say that it is proven that youths who participate in sports and physical activity are healthier and have higher self-esteem and are more likely to avoid drugs, drinking, or smoking.

McDonald and Hall both indicated they are in favor such a park.

Vieth continued saying they are presently looking at three locations and are looking for guidance from the Board to gather information on these sites to see if they are feasible. The locations are: Goerke Park on the corner of Minnesota and Main, it is presently park property which might make the park a reality sooner, another is the WPS property on Crosby, and the third is the northwest corner of the YMCA. She added they are open to ideas for locations.

Discussion followed regarding if the City owns the WPS property and if the girls softball will ever use the Goerke area. Director Schrader said the City did not yet own the WPS property and Ron Carlson said he didn't see a conflict with the Goerke area. He said if anything it might cut into the ice skating.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said the WPS site contains contaminated soil several feet down and he said that would have to be considered because of how far they would have to go down with the concrete.

Director Schrader said this is an update item, there may be other sites more suitable and after we have enough information on particular sites, we will then deal with other conflicts such as neighborhood concerns and usability.

Vieth said they were asking how the Board felt about moving ahead by gathering information for locations and the consensus of the Board was to go ahead.

Additional discussion followed on how successful these parks were in other cities, particularly the location issue, and Vieth said they have contacted other cities but they didn't really state the benefits of one location over another. She added they will keep looking.

4. Request to hold Special Event In Pfiffner Pioneer Park (Tau Kappa Epsilon & Phi Omega from UW-SP)

Director Schrader said the standard application was included with the packet, this is sanctioned through the University and although they had talked about beer sales, they weren't sure. He said he recommended approval.

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Glodosky to approve the request as outlined in the application.

Ald. Barber asked if this was the first event of this kind and Director Schrader said it was, the policy is that if there are no problems with an event and they request to hold the same type of event again, it isn't brought back to the Board but they are given permission.

Glodosky asked what they would do to get permission to sell beer and Director Schrader said they will have to apply for the permits and so forth from the Public Protection Committee. The Director also added he will let them know if this event actually takes place, it's not unusual for this type of event to be dropped by the applicant.

President Freckmann called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes - all; Nays - none. Motion Carried.

5. Additions to Seasonal Payroll Schedule

Director Schrader said this was to add positions that were inadvertently left off and the auditors required clarification so we are amending the pay scale and putting the added positions on it.

Motion was made by Glodosky, seconded by Hall to approve the Addition to Seasonal Payroll Schedule as presented.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said he noticed that after three years the seasonal employees did not receive any more increases, do we have people who stay more than three-years? Director Schrader said we try to discourage that because we don't want to turn them into a permanent part-time position and also we do not want to get into paying the Wisconsin Retirement which would be required after so many hours. He said they usually only stay two seasons.

President Freckmann called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes - all; Nays - none. Motion Carried.

#### 6. Security Deposit for Bandshell Rental

Director Schrader said presently all lodges have a rental fee and a security deposit but we only require a rental fee at the bandshell if they charge admission or make money in some other manner. Presently the bandshell only requires a \$10.00 key deposit. He said he would like to change that to charging a security deposit of \$100.00 for the bandshell. He said the reason is that after the improvements the bandshell is used more often and we have nothing to cover costs if there is damage or the area not cleaned up. If there are no cleaning or damage fees they will get the \$100.00 back.

Motion was made by Hall, seconded by McDonald to require a deposit fee of \$100.00 for use of the bandshell to be refunded if applicable.

Ayes - all; Nays - none. Motion Carried.

#### 7. Director's Report

- **Director Schrader reported the pool will open on June 8th, with free admission from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on opening day. The Grand Opening will be on Saturday the 10th, from 1 p.m. to 4 which will include door prizes and give-aways. He reported the beaches will be open during Riverfront Rendezvous (June 30 through July 2), but not staffed, there will be signs stating that and there will be notices in the paper. He said that Mead beach is closed during Riverfront because of the fireworks. He added as staff dwindles we need those people at Riverfront and have to reduce the guards at the beaches.**
  - **The groundbreaking for the KASH playground has already taken place, we had a great turnout and we expect to have the equipment by July 24 and are working on the poured in place surface and hope to have it open by Labor Day for a Grand Opening.**
  - **The dedication of the Godfrey Erickson nature area in Koziczkowski Park has been held, it was a nice ceremony with quite a few people and he recommended going to look at the gazebo.**
  - **The playground equipment will be delivered to the East Oaks Park around July 8th. This is part of Parkdale Subdivision which abuts the Town of Hull. After that the Town will put down the wood chips and we anticipate opening the middle of July. We are working with the Town of Hull sharing the cost and the work. A trail will be cut to connect and develop the two parks into one.**
  - **Director Schrader said there was kind of bad news regarding recently signed legislation for impact fees. When a new subdivision opens we can take money or land and although he doesn't have all the details, the new legislation will require prior documentation and the money will have to be spent within three-years. This will put the burden on the community. He said examples of how the Parkland Dedication money is put to use is that it paid for the playground equipment in East Oaks and sections of the Green Circle Trail and many other things. He said he thought the money we have now will have to be spent within seven-years. He said there weren't a lot of details at this time.**
- Glodosky asked if there was a shortage of Riverfront workers and are we looking for volunteers? Director Schrader said yes we can use volunteers and he referred to flyer for each member saying there are some new sponsors this year.

There were questions on the Riverfront budget and future of Riverfront and Director Schrader said he thinks the budget is about \$115,000, room tax is used and any profit from food and beverage sales go back into it. He said he thought the future of the event is secure because it is so popular with the community and brings in quite a bit of business.

#### 8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, seconded by Bahling to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes - all; Nays - none. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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