

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

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1. Roll Call

Present - Glodosky, Curtis, Hall, Freckmann, Sevenich, Moore, McDonald, Hahner

Absent Excused - Okonek

Absent Unexcused - Sorenson, Markham

Also Present - Todd Ernster, Anne Hylla, Tom Schrader, Carole France

Schrader welcomed Sue Hall to the Park Board replacing Karen Aldinger.

2. Approval of the February 2, 2005 Minutes

Motion was made by Hahner, seconded by Freckmann to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2005 Meeting.

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

3. Recommendation on Special Event Rules & Application Permit

Schrader noted three additions/corrections: Under section B, add sexual orientation and under cleanup and refuse #1 change "will provide adequate trash dumpsters" to "may be required to provide adequate trash dumpsters". Under Beer Concessions #2 change the words "Park Division" to "Parks Department".

Curtis was concerned about the decibel level of the music at Riverfront Rendezvous and felt it should be held at 90 dB. Schrader explained how setting a level may not accomplish what you want, as music varies with sound and weather plays an important factor; if it is humid, the sound carries farther. That most of the time when people question the volume of music/noise it has a lot to do with their own taste of music. That by letting the police/park staff use their own discretion on what is loud, the city actually has more control. In that, if the police received a call of loud annoying music and it was measured at 89 dB, the police couldn't tell them to turn it down. The person calling would just have to put up with it.

Freckmann felt we should be concerned about the safety of the people attending the event but realizes it is difficult to control the volume.

Motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Hahner to adopt the Special Event Rules & Application Permit with the noted changes.

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

4. Recommendation on 2005-2006 Soda Vending Contract for Park

Schrader mentioned that the city has been using the soda vending machines, in Parks, for 10 years and last year, we generated \$4,400.00 from our commission of 50%. This year Pepsi raised the commission to 60-63% whereas Coke bid 30-40%. Also Pepsi would give us 100 cases free as a sponsorship product and Coke offered 50 cases. It was therefore recommended we go with Pepsi for a two year contract.

McDonald asked if we have barrels for recycling and Schrader said we are going to try the cluster approach in the parks and are currently using wire bins with clear bags attached in the lodges, so people can see better where the cans and bottles go versus trash. If the public mixes the products, our employees will be instructed not to dig in the garbage to separate as it is a health/safety issue.

Hahner questioned why we need soda machines in the first place; why not just water vendors. Schrader stated that we are providing a service, the generated funds make it worthwhile having the machines and there is a choice of water and fruit juices in the machines. Perhaps, down the road, we may want to just stock bottles and get rid of the cans as it is more convenient to stock bottles.

Motion was made by Sevenich, seconded by McDonald to award the Soda Vending Contract for Parks to Pepsi for 2005-2006.

Ayes: Hall, Moore, Curtis, Sevenich, Freckmann, McDonald, Glodosky

Nays: Hahner

Motion carried.

5. Director's Report

- Winter Sports Area was opened last weekend for sledding.
- Ice Show is April 2nd with shows at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm and April 3rd at 2:00 pm
- Easter Egg Hunt for March 26th at Piffner Park or if weather does not cooperate, at the Mall parking lot.
- Working with the University to place their hammer and discus throw out on the former Jelich property as they do not have an adequate location.
- Working with the University, SPASH and Pacelli to build a locker room under the north end of Goerke stadium. They would raise the funds, along with the cell tower money and hopefully would be designed and built by students. Presently, when hockey and football have games at the same time, we don't have enough locker rooms causing us to lose home playoff games.

Todd Ernster, city forester, reported on receiving the Tree City USA award for the 24th year and the Growth Award for five years in a row with this being the sixth year. McDonald praised him for his work and dedication.

Sue Hall reported that the Audubon cleanup is scheduled for April 23rd. and that the Kiosk is being built and should be ready in May.

6. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Commissioners, Motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Hahner to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, motion was made by Okonek, seconded by Freckmann to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

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