

## Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

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1. Roll Call

Present - Glodosky, Curtis, Hall, Freckmann, Moore, Sorenson

Absent - McDonald, Sevenich, Okonek, Wiza

Also Present - Reid Rocheleau, CJ Robinson, Ron Carlson, Norm Barber, Roger Trzebiatowski, Lizz Schneider, Aaron Rogers, Tom Schrader, Lorie Conley

### 2. Approval of July 6, 2005 Minutes

Motion was made by Glodosky, seconded by Hall to approve Minutes of July 6, 2005 meeting. Hall asked for an amendment to change her absence to excused. The amendment accepted seconded by Glodosky.

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried, minutes approved.

### Director's Comments on Budget

Tom Schrader emphasized the condition of the budget after the Governor signed the State Budget with a property tax freeze imposed on cities. It is imperative that the Commission know what the city is facing. The rule is a 2% increase or the maximum amount of new construction whichever is greater, which is what we are allowed to raise the levy. The city's new construction rate was about 2%, so that is the figure we will work with. This allows the city to raise the levy about \$200,000 for the 2006 Budget. It is projected that wages, fringe benefits, insurance and utilities will cost about \$1,300,000. Going into the 2006 Budget, we will be about \$1,100,000 short. All the staff is working on how to pare back services or increase revenues to make up for the deficit. The 2007 Budget could have an \$800,000 deficit. There will be a Special Council Meeting Thursday Evening Sept. 8th at 6:30 pm. The aldermen and staff members, mayor and comptroller will discuss the Budget and the property tax freeze and how it will impact us.

### 3. Request to form Sub-Committee to Review Possible Skateboard Park

Alderman Robinson spoke to the need for a skate park in Stevens Point. Our area is fast growing with many of its youth developing skateboard skills. There is no facility for skateboarding that is accessible because of lack of transportation. He proposes that a sub-committee look into the feasibility for a park in this area.

Ron Carlson, policeman for Stevens Point, and Lizz Schneider, representing members of the Portage County Leadership group have taken on looking into developing a park in the city as their class project. skateboard park.

Ideas discussed were, talking to other towns that have a skateboard park to get their input.

Alderman Robinson recommended that the park be not only a skateboard park but a place for teens to have activities and "hang out".

Aaron Rogers, owner of Pump and Pedal in Plover added that the sport is growing in popularity, and would bring in commerce such as BMX products, biking and rollerblading products.

Hall added that she agrees that this type of addition to the city is advantageous.

Glodosky added that it would not hurt to look into it, even though we do not know where the money is coming from.

Motion by Curtis, seconded by Glodosky to set up a sub-committee to look into the possibility of developing a skateboard park in the city.

Ayes: all Nays: none

Sub-committee will be comprised of Alderman CJ Robinson, Commissioners Glodosky, McDonald, Sorenson

### 4. Recommendation on Moving Storage Building inside Goerke Stadium

Tom Schrader has been approached by two athletic directors regarding problems of locker room conflicts between hockey games and possible playoff games being scheduled here every fall. That several years ago, the Commission gave SPASH permission, to construct a storage building for track equipment, on the west side of the stadium south of the bleachers. SPASH wasn't able to secure funding, so they never built garage. That funding for the project would have to be worked out with the users. Schrader thought that the parking area north of the stadium would be a better place to construct a building, that could be used for spring track equipment and used as a football locker room in the fall.

Moore asked about the proposed size of the building and questioned future parking problems.

Schrader stated that the building would be approximately 30' X 50' and the cars that currently use the area could be moved to the area south of the fence, the skating area. He also recommended that if a structure is built, it should take on the look of the stadium, not just a metal building.

Glodoski moved, seconded by Curtis to let staff explore the possibility of building a storage area/locker room south of the stadium.

Ayes: all Nays: none

### 5. Recommendation on Maintaining future Roundhouse Park (Alderman Barber)

Alderman Barber's proposal to create a park at site of Railroad Roundhouse is again being discussed at this meeting. A subcommittee was formed to study the proposal. The Alderman's group is looking for a commitment from the board to handle the maintenance of the proposed park.

Glodoski raised concerns regarding where the funds will come from and it may not be a problem if the maintenance is limited to only cutting the

grass.

Alderson Barber stated that the project would be funded 100% from private funds.

Schrader said that it is hard to know what maintenance will be because we know of no particular needs yet.

Alderman Barber said that a parking lot, tower, and picnic area is being proposed.

Alderman Trzebiatowski asked if the project would be ADA accessible and do we have a guarantee from the Railroad that the roundhouse will be kept.

Alderman Barber replied that there are no plans to demolish the roundhouse and it will be kept as a repair facility.

Curtis stated that it would be hard to make a recommendation for the city to maintain the site if the city does not know what will be needed and that he is opposed to it.

Glodosky would like to have a group support the Roundhouse, but we need a plan. That in the past when outside groups asked for support, the Commission always review their plan first.

Robinson and Barber will approach business people and other groups for future Support and funding of the project

Tom Schrader recommended that the sub-committee put together a plan and to come back to the Board for them to review.

Moore commented that "maintenance" is too big a word. The Board needs a general idea and particulars.

Curtis said the Board is not discouraging the project but we need more recommendations for maintenance.

Reid Rocheleau suggested the city become more pro-active into looking into this, and have the staff work on developing a plan. The Roundhouse park is a good idea and Mr. Barber needs a little help exploring this project.

Alderman Robinson suggested a motion to have the group prepare a schematic for review.

President Freckman stated that the committee is not ready to take action on this proposal tonight. The matter should go back to the sub-committee and have them prepare a plan to present to the Commission at a future meeting.

#### 6. Director's Report

Commissioner Hall wanted to announce that there will be a cleanup of the Koziczkowski Park on Saturday, September 24th , 8 AM to 5 PM. The Audubon Society and the University students will be doing the cleanup. Tom Schrader announced that the Willett Arena will open on Sunday, September 25th at 1 PM. Rock on Ice, and Jock in the Box on Ice this year. A donation of 76 acres has been donated by the Sroda, Wanta and Galecke Families. This Fall, the Parks Department will look at it to see if there is any work to be done. It is a nice donation from these families.

The KASH Playground grant is waiting for the Governor's final approval. The grant should be awarded to the city as soon as it is approved.

Alderman Robinson suggested that the skateboard sub-committee should meet at 5 pm on Tuesday September 27th at the City Police Dept.

#### 7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Curtis, Seconded by Glodoski

Ayes: all Nays: none

Park Board Commission meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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