

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners Minutes

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1. Roll Call

Present - Aldinger, Okonek, Freckmann, Glodosky, McDonald, Sevenich, Curtis, Moore, Markham, Hahner

Absent Unexcused - Sorenson

Also Present - Tom Schrader, Carole Francel

2. Approval of the October 6, 2004 Minutes

Motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Okonek to approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2004 Meeting

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

3. Approval of 2005 Seasonal Employee Pay Rate Schedule

Schrader explained to Commissioners that hockey referee had to be added to list and the basketball/volleyball employees had an increase of 50 cents per game, that the last raise was in 2001 for these positions.

Markham requested an explanation on the Party-In-The-Park employee, and Hahner questioned the higher rate for some employees such as lower for tennis and higher for lifeguards and Schrader said the Party-in-the Park employee programs the entertainment for our Thursday afternoon at the square and Friday evenings at the bandshell, and in regards to rate differences in employees, it's a matter of program cost and the availability of applicants; its much harder getting lifeguards, etc. Aldinger noticed that instructors received a higher wage and that is because they teach lessons.

Motion was made by Aldinger, seconded by Curtis to approve the 2005 Seasonal Employee Pay Rate Schedule.

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

4. Annual Status Report on 1997 Bike/Ped Plan

- West River Dr. railroad tracks to HH widened to 3 feet on both sides for bike/ped
  - Bliss Ave. Cypress to Park widened to 3 feet on both sides for bike/ped
  - Westside loop of Green Circle, HH and West River Dr. 16 acres purchased from Stora Enso by the Community Foundation of Portage County and was donated to the city. This will secure the Green Circle through the property and the property will be left in its natural state.
- Hahner questioned if there is a Bike/Ped Committee and Schrader said no. He will contact the Mayor to see if a committee can be set up and have someone from Plan Commission, Public Works, and Parks to serve on this committee. Hahner and Glodosky volunteered to be on this committee.

Schrader said he has applied for four grants: Patch Street walkway, Green Circle tunnel under the tracks south of Wisconsin Street, I39 overpass/underpass and Church Street overpass near Patch Street. The Church Street overpass has been funded but we would prefer the funds be used for the Patch Street walkway as that one would get more usage and is working with the WISDOT to see if the funds can be transferred to that project

5. Director's Report

- Santa's Workshop ready to go with posted hours.
- Willett Arena has a new paint job and looks great.
- Conifer Acres - Irrigation was installed in the park and it was funded by Dan and Nancy Burns who donated \$1,350.00 for the material costs of the project and Bob Rowe donated his labor at a cost of \$975.00.

6. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Commissioners, motion was made by Curtis, seconded by McDonald to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

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