

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019**

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the March 6, 2019 Minutes**
3. **Update of Willett Arena renovation**
4. **Update on Cultural Commons**
5. **Director's report**
6. **Adjournment**

1. **Roll Call**

Present: Freckmann, Glodosky, Hall, Kirsch, McDonald, Okonek, Smith, Sorenson
Excused: Ald. McComb, Ald. Oberstadt, Ald. Slowinski,
Also Present: Director Tom Schrader, Joshua Estel, Kyle Cellis

2. **Approval of the March 6, 2019 Minutes**

Motion by Okonek, seconded by Hall, to approve the March 6, 2019 minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. **Update of Willett Arena renovation**

Director Schrader referred to the handout provided to the Commissioners regarding the Willett Ice Arena renovation schedule. Work has started on disassembling the press box. They will be adding on to the existing one. The glass has all been removed from the ice rink. We couldn't sell it because it is tempered glass but giving it away worked. CREATE Portage County was able to take the plastic from the dasher board and were looking for recycled plastic that they can melt down and use in their 3D printer.

Look at the handout showing the schedule of the construction for the Willett floor. April 15th is the start date to remove the concrete floor, they will start cutting it and leave it until the compressors are brought in. The job should be completed by the middle of August and ready to open in September for another season.

Liz McDonald stated she attended the games at the Willett for the championship games and the Willett looked great. She thanked Director Schrader and the Willett staff for their great work.

4. **Update on Cultural Commons**

Director Schrader reported that he recently had a conversation with Jim Anderson of Ellis Stone. Ellis Stone will begin construction on April 15th and will be done by Memorial Day.

5. **Director's report**

Director Schrader reported:

- Zenoff Park is open, 2 softball games held there yesterday. Bukolt will have its first game there tomorrow. Goerke track is open, Goerke tennis court open. Weather cooperated and everything was opened earlier this year.
- Ice Show was held last week at the Willett. Good attendance at the 3 shows. About 110 skaters participated.
- Downtown Point will be installing a pier straight off of Main Street next to the Arts Center. This idea of the pier has been around for a while. It has been in the downtown plans and Downtown Point has been soliciting donations to put it in to encourage boaters to dock and come downtown to the restaurants. The only cost the City would have is to place the dock in spring and pull it out in fall. Downtown Point will maintain the dock. There is also some talk about a putting a kayak launch in there too.
- The Prime Water Anglers have installed another pier south of the Bukolt beach.
- Nature's Trek is for sale and 2 interested parties have been into the office to discuss contracts and taking over the business.
- Polish Plaque request to be placed next to McGlaughin in the Polish Heritage Park. Attached is a copy of the plaque the group wants to have done through the Schmeeckle Reserve like the others have been. It will add to the polish history of Portage County.
- Playground equipment at Piffner will be put in after the 4th of July.
- Majority of our trees have been plotted using GIS. The Forestry department is working with the Engineering and Water departments to convert our street tree inventory from Microsoft Access to a GIS program.
- Egle Landscaping received the quote this spring for tree planting. Mid State students will be planting 18 trees along Amber Avenue and the UWSP students will be planting 14 trees along Northpoint Drive. Adding four trees along Ellis Street adjacent to Emerson Park may be a good location for this year's Arbor Day planting.
- TruGreen will be treating about 270 ash trees this spring/summer.
- Still looking for seasonal help this spring.

Liz McDonald stated that the City is looking for donations to increase fireworks this year by \$5000.00 above the budgeted amount. Director Schrader stated there is a go fund page set up for donations.

Commissioner Glodosky stated as being the "oldest" serving member on the Park Board he would like to express appreciation on behalf of the Park Board Commission to Tom for his service to the City and the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Department in particular.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Sorenson, seconded by Hall, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried, 6:50 p.m.



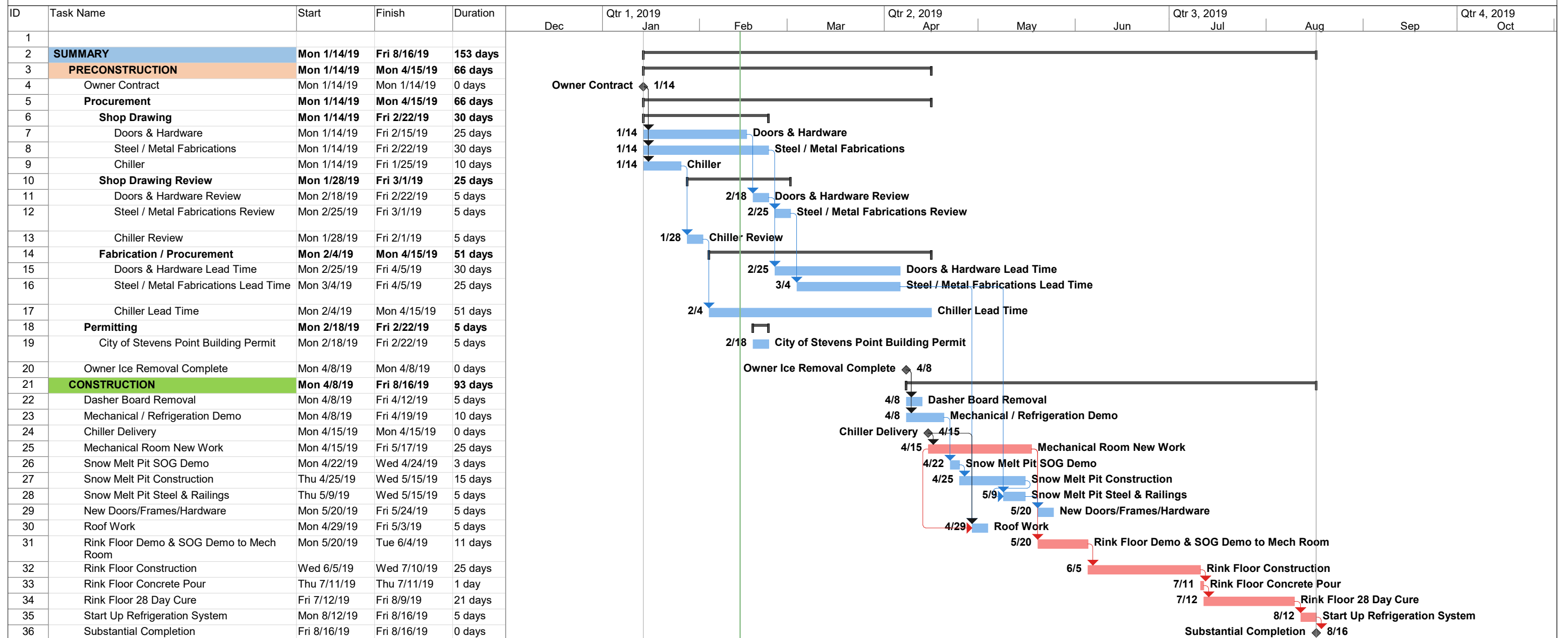
2019.02.14 - Willett Ice Arena BP#1 Schedule

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