

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

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1. Roll Call

Present - Somers, Curtis, West, Glodosky, Molski, McDonald, Aldinger, Freckmann, Phillips

Absent Excused - Okonek

Absent Unexcused - Nealis

Also Present - Jo Seiser, Amanda Friese, Chad Schultz, Paul Graham, Dave Sowieja, Dennis Tlachac, Tom Schrader, Carole Francel

2. Approval of the January 8, 2003 Minutes

Motion was made by Molski, seconded by Somers to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2003 Meeting.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

3. Request to Extend Current Agreement: Ski Lodge & Canoe Removal Area (Nature's Niche LLC)

Schrader added that the Agreement would be for one year with an automatic renewal.

McDonald questioned whether shutting off the soda machine is a good move and Schrader said that if the public requested soda, he would tell Dennis to either sell the product or the city would turn the machine back on.

Motion was made by Glodosky, seconded by Freckmann to extend the Current Agreement for Nature's Niche LLC.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

4. Sponsor Grant Application for Friends of 2713 (John Kedrowski)

Phillips questioned where this money would be coming from and Schrader said from the Community Foundation. We would have to apply for a grant as they are not a 501C organization.

Motion was made by Somers, seconded by McDonald to sponsor the Grant Application for Friends of 2713.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

5. Request to Hold Stevens Point Spring Beer Festival in Pfiffner Pioneer Park on May 3, 2003. (Central Waters Brewing Company & Hilltop Pub and Grill)

Schrader stated that the Point Brewery has decided to no longer host this event. Central Waters has teamed up with the Hilltop Pub and Grill to host the event and change the location to Pfiffner Park. They would be erecting two tents and fencing off the entire area around the festival grounds. Anyone entering the premises would need to purchase a ticket and then a bracelet would be issued. A local band would provide entertainment and festival would run from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Central Waters Brewing Company would pay the \$500.00 park rental fee.

Schrader had suggested, to the group, that the Willett Arena would be available for a cost of \$400.00 since the weather may be very cold for the first weekend in May. This would save them money also as they would not have to rent tents. The organizers felt that they would rather have the event outside.

Seiser would like to see the whole park open as we do for Riverfront Rendezvous but Schrader said that with this event, there is a charge to participate and it would have to be fenced off; there will be one entrance and two exits.

Molski asked if the Green Circle trail would be blocked off and Schrader said the trail would be left open.

Curtis questioned the noise factor at Pfiffner and Schrader said they would be using the Bandshell from 1:00 - 6:00 pm and that the bandshell was built for that purpose.

Glodosky asked about the alcohol factor if they decided to use the Willett Arena and Schrader said that we would co-sponsor the event.

Phillips inquired if the company providing the tents had insurance and Schrader said that any one erecting a tent, in the park, needs the necessary insurance.

Motion was made by Somers, seconded by Glodosky to approve the request to hold the Stevens Point Spring Beer Festival in Pfiffner Pioneer Park on May 3, 2003 and that the K.B. Willett Arena could be used as a backup in case of bad weather.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

6. Presentation on Shoreline Preservation (Alderson Seiser)

Jo Seiser appeared before the Commissioners with a slide presentation on shoreline preservation. She feels that there are some areas, within our park system, where we could promote and protect natural vegetation and cut down on the mowing to allow more plant growth and variety (along with their associated root systems of varying depths that hold soil). Some places, she felt, are worthy of plant restoration. Her main concerns were Iverson, Bukolt and Pfiffner Pioneer Park.

McDonald thanked Seiser for the good presentation and making the Commissioners aware of the environment near the shorelines.

Dino Tlachac said that he has attended conferences that have also spoken on preservation of shorelines and feels that we need to protect this

area as well as we can.

Freckmann felt that at least one side of the Wisconsin River corridor needs to be kept wild, as much as possible, and we should watch our mowing.

Schrader said that Earl Spanenberg's class, from the University, completed a shoreline plan last fall and hopefully will be doing samples of shoreline preservation techniques this summer. That currently, staff is base mapping the shoreline to get facts on what areas may be having an erosion problem. Without these numbers, it would not be smart to start on an erosion program.

Seiser requested that a letter, from Kent Hall, be read concerning the geese problem in Pfiffner Pioneer Park. Glodosky suggested that this concern be placed on the Agenda for next month.

7. Director's Report

- **Winter Sports Area and ice rinks closed for the season.**
- **Ice Show April 5th and 6th.**
- **Dehumidification system at Willett Arena replaced**
- **Bids for the pool replastering project have been extended**

Chairman West stated that the Mayor has requested an appointment of two citizens from the Park Commission, to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee which would meet the fourth Monday of each month. McDonald and Freckmann volunteered to serve on this committee.

Debbie Somers, a dedicated Commissioner for the Park Board for 17 years, resigned due to an out of state move. We will all miss Debbie as she has done an outstanding job on the Board. Thank you Debbie and GOOD LUCK!

8. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Commissioners, Motion was made by Somers to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

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