

## Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

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### 1. Roll Call

Present - Glodosky, Sevenich, Freckmann, Phillips, Moore, Sorenson, McDonald, Aldinger

Absent Excused - Okonek, Finn

Absent Unexcused - Curtis

Also Present - Jo Seiser, Mary Blavat, Carmen Lague, Tom Schrader, Carole Francel

### 2. Approval of the August 6, 2003 Minutes

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Sorenson to approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2003 Meeting.

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

### 3. Discussion of Draft of Update Comprehensive Outdoor Plan

Schrader presented the Commissioners with a timetable for the Comprehensive Outdoor Plan. Tonight we were reviewing the Goals and Objectives Section 2.0 and the following discussion, changes were made (see attached). This will be approved at the October meeting.

Schrader felt we need to add to Goal #1; to establish problems, trends, needs, opportunities and improvements for our existing parks. McDonald agreed that by adding this statement, it made the goal more complete.

Sevenich thought that on Goal #2, we should add area residents and visitors to satisfy the basic outdoor recreation.

Jo Seiser would like to see it include how it affects our neighborhoods and we need to look closer at the erosion taking place in some of our parks.

Phillips felt we should just stick to city residents and Moore also thought we should take care of city residents first.

The Commission then discussed the section as it relates to Objectives.

Aldinger felt that a lot of the businesses bring in users of our park system and this should be taken into consideration as an objective

Freckmann said that the room tax benefits both residents and visitors, therefore, it should be important as we set our objectives. Also, he felt one of our main issues, for recreation, is maintaining open green space.

McDonald said that we need areas to develop wildlife habitat.

Sevenich would like to see some development of parks in the older sections of town, even though it is extremely costly to be buying up homes, etc.

Freckmann said it is expensive to maintain small parks although they are nice to have. Glodosky said that there is less demand in the subdivisions because they have larger lots.

Aldinger questioned that when we take land in lieu of or the money, where does that go and Schrader said it is used in the area where it was taken.

In conclusion, Seiser felt it would be nice to have a "party" at some facility to discuss our parks, with the public in attendance, and perhaps have a slide presentation of the parks. Phillips felt this would just prolong our timetable as they would all have their own agenda and nothing would be accomplished. Our meetings are always open to the public, and if they are interested, they should attend. Schrader said he is going to send out a random survey to the public along with our major users, and businesses etc. so we should get some feedback from them.

Phillips questioned when the National Standards is updated and Schrader said he will get that to the Commissioners when it becomes available.

Glodosky felt that the Park Board has done an excellent job on keeping on track with our park system and you just are never going to please everyone.

### 4. Director's Report

- Goerke stadium is completed
- Football season started with a game last Thursday and Friday
- Donated defibrillator at stadium and will be moved to other areas as needed
- Concession stand in operation and so far has been very successful
- Willett Ice Arena will open at the end of the month
- Irrigation completed at Piffner Park and Iverson Ball diamonds this week
- Working with UWSP letting them use Zenoff and Goerke fields while their fields are being renovated.

### 5. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Commissioners, McDonald, seconded by Aldinger, adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Attachment:

## SECTION 2.0 STEVENS POINT PARK PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Parks, recreation and forestry are integral parts of the City of Stevens Point's fabric and life-style. The establishment of goals and objectives for parks, recreation and forestry is an ongoing process, adaptive to changes that regularly occur in the community. As economic characteristics,

interests, housing, local concerns, national interests and unlimited variables continually transform, so do the qualities of recreational needs.

This Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan update identifies two principal goals for the 1996 - 2000 2004 - 2009 planning period:

1. To establish problems, trends, needs, opportunities and improvements for our existing parks and To establish guidelines for the future of parks, recreation and forestry for the City of Stevens Point.
2. To strive for a park and outdoor recreation system which satisfies the basic outdoor recreation and open space needs of City, area residents and visitors in an economical and environmentally sensitive fashion.

The goals and objectives of the Parks and Recreation Department extend beyond meeting the needs of City residents. Stevens Point parks are part of a system of parks whose purpose is to protect and provide for the needs and interests of all persons. The Parks and Recreation Department recognizes established State and regional goals and objectives as identified in the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan of 1991-19962000 - 2005, and the Portage County, Wisconsin Development Guide and incorporates into the City's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan the following objectives:

1. To develop a park and recreation system that provides for the year-round recreation and leisure time needs of the people in the community and to provide for their personal refreshment.
2. To develop a park and recreation system that will provide sites with equal accessibility for all, and encourage sites which are properly and uniformly developed maintained while reducing the conflicting uses of recreation lands and surface waters.
3. To protect against the loss of promote wildlife habitat and ensure the preservation and protection of wetlands and river corridors.
4. To cooperate with the County, school district, University and adjacent units of government of the development of facilities, watersheds and programs which should serve all people in the area.
5. To emphasize natural beauty and resources in the planning and development of parks and open spaces, to provide for quality design and construction of parks and open spaces and to ensure increased improvement in water quality.
6. To work for the provision of provide neighborhood parks and playgrounds for all sections of the City, located in accordance with adopted standards, and work to minimize the effect of conflicting uses of recreational lands.
7. To prepare detailed development plans for each park and recreation facility in the City that will reduce the conflicting uses of recreational lands and surface waters, and improve the physical condition of recreation areas and support facilities.
8. To utilize other publicly owned land for open space needs whenever possible and cooperate with private landowners in providing public access to recreation and privately owned land.
9. To acquire parklands in advance of development.
10. To work toward the development of "natural" parks and open space corridors that provide recreation opportunities, protect wildlife habitats and preserve wetlands and river corridors.
11. To aggressively seek permanent sources of funding that are adequate to provide high quality park and recreation opportunities for the community.
12. To continue to provide a system of linear trails and green belt areas in order to connect existing and future City park developments to one another and to neighboring communities' parks.
13. To prepare and administer long-range planning of the City's Room Tax Fund.

In addition, the City Parks and Recreation Department believes that recreational needs include the experience associated with recreational activities. As such, the Parks Department identified the following seven categories related to the recreational experience, including objectives, in order to provide the fullest range of experience to the recreationist.

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