

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

March 6, 2002. Roll Call

Present - Glodosky, Curtis, McDonald, Somers, Freckmann, Phillips, Nealis, Molski

Absent Excused - West, Aldinger, Okonek

Also Present - Bill Yudchitz, James Zblewski, Tom Schrader, Carole Francel

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2. Approval of the February 4, 2002 Minutes

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Glodosky to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2002 Meeting.

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

3. Review and Recommendation on All-Purpose Building Addition

Bill Yudchitz presented a scale model of the addition which includes an area for sitting and a concession area. There is a breezeway, balcony to observe skaters, two stairways and is 99% ADA compliant. The bathrooms would be enlarged along with the kitchen area. The lodge would be rented out year round and could serve as a meeting room for organizations. Total cost of project \$150,000.00.

Nealis asked whether there was consideration of having a fireplace in the building and a deck. Yudchitz responded that a fireplace could cost anywhere from \$1000.00 to \$15,000.00, which would be cost prohibited at this time and a deck was not considered safe or necessary.

McDonald asked about the berming around the building and Yudchitz said that would be done in earth, grasses/shrubs/etc.

Curtis asked about being 99% ADA compliant and Yudchitz said the doorways and bathrooms would be ADA compliant but things like outlets, etc. may not be.

Freckmann felt that wheelchair accessibility is very important.

Glodosky thought that the building may have a ventilation problem with such large windows facing the south and it could get unbearably warm in the summer. Yudchitz said that there would be screens on the windows and ceiling fans could be installed.

Schrader stated that the heating system would be sized to accommodate central air.

McDonald asked if we need overhangs on the building and Yudchitz said the windows are recessed and there should be no problem.

Schrader explained that we have set a completion date of September 30, 2002 and bids need to go out.

Motion was made by Glodosky, seconded by Curtis to approve the All-Purpose Building Addition as presented.

Phillips inquired whether the roof could be extended on the north side of the building to connect to the addition and eliminate the balcony. He felt the stairways were very dangerous and should be eliminated. He also questioned how the windows would be cleaned requiring more maintenance.

Schrader said the Willett Arena and Goerke Warming house have stairs and they have never had anyone fall. Skates would not be allowed on the stairs and signs would be posted. The windows would be hosed of in the same manner that anyone with a two story home handles the cleaning problems.

Curtis withdrew his second to the motion because of the concern over the safety issue with the stairways.

Original Motion was seconded by Freckmann to approve the All-Purpose Addition as presented.

Ayes: Freckmann, Glodosky, McDonald, Molski, Nealis, Somers

Nays: Phillips, Curtis

Motion carried.

4. Review and Recommendation on Mancheski Field Concession Addition

The Stevens Point American Legion Baseball Association would like to add on to the existing concession stand in Mancheski Field. They have hired Revelations to prepare the plans. The Association, with aid from the Community Parks Improvement Committee, will cover the cost of the addition.

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Glodosky to approve the Mancheski Field Concession Addition.

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

5. Update on Smart Growth Planning (Survey)

The County recently released the Final Report of the County wide survey they did as part of their Smart Growth Planning process. Schrader highlighted several questions from the report: 75% of the residents agree that the government has the responsibility to protect property owners and the community by regulating land use, 91% agreed that the ideal urban neighborhood would include homes as well as parks, 75% thought ideal neighborhoods should include sidewalks, the city should make an effort to identify and protect woodlands 87%, lakes/rivers/streams 93%, parkland existing/future 89%, 87% rated parks good/excellent, 66% rated recreation programs good/excellent. Schrader reported that city residents attitudes have not changed since the last survey a number of years ago, that 84% still consider protecting the environment a high priority along with parks, recreation, preservation of open space, woodlands, and waterways ranking very favorably with our residents.

6. Extension of Current Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Schrader reported that last year we extended our current Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan through 2001. In doing so, we hoped that the Smart Growth Plan would be far enough along for us to adopt a portion of it as our next long range plan. It appears that this may be at least two years away, so he would recommend that we ask the WIDNR to extend our current plan through 2003. He also felt that it would be important that we budget funds to complete a plan of our own, in the fall of 2003, if the Smart Growth Plan isn't ready. This plan could then be modified to fit into the Smart Growth Plan as without this plan, we will not be able to apply for WIDNR grants as they relate to Parks and Recreation.

Nealis was against the extension as he feels we are tearing down too many small houses.

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by McDonald to extend the Current Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for one year.

Ayes: Glodosky, Curtis, McDonald, Somers, Freckmann, Phillips, Molski

Nays: Nealis

Motion carried.

7. Director's Report

- Bid openings for stadium March 11 and Bandshell March 18th.
- Riverfront Rendezvous info on Web-site
- Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 30th. May have to have in parking lot because of recent snowfall.
- We have placed signs in several of the parks reminding patrons to keep their dogs leashed and picked up after.

8. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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