

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

May 1, 20021. Roll Call

Present - West, Glodosky, Okonek, Curtis, Phillips, Freckmann, Aldinger, McDonald, Somers, Nealis

Absent Excused - Molski

Also Present - Charles Nason, Bernice Sevenich, Tom Schrader, Carole Francel

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2. Approval of the April 3, 2002 Minutes

Motion was made by Okonek, seconded by McDonald to approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2002 Meeting.

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and Recommendation on Bike/Ped Accommodation in Subdivisions.

Schrader stated that the first thing the Commission needs to address is, are you making the accommodations for walkers, bikers or both. Schrader highlighted specifications and recommendations from the adopted Bike/Ped Plan. He mentioned that you can have sidewalks without curb and gutter and what we need to discuss tonight is whether we are doing this for pedestrians/bikers. The standard subdivision has a 22 foot wide blacktop surface, that adding or paving a 4 foot shoulder would add approximately \$300.00 in cost to a 100 foot lot. That a concrete sidewalk, on that same size lot, would be at least three times the cost of blacktop. Schrader recommended that the Commission make a recommendation to the Plan Commission and Board of Public Works to provide a more bike/ped friendly subdivision by either paving the shoulders four feet or sidewalks.

Nealis felt it would be more cost effective to widen the roads. It would cost the developer approximately an extra \$300.00/lot to accomplish this whereas with sidewalks, the price would be a lot more.

Glodosky favored the widening of the streets as he doesn't feel the subdivisions roads get as much use as in the inner city and he likes the looks of the area without sidewalks.

Phillips felt that widening the street would cost the taxpayers money because of maintenance costs such as snowplowing, striping of road, seal coating, signage etc. He felt sidewalks would be best but more costly for developer.

Aldinger favored the sidewalks and felt that more children, in the future, would be using them.

Freckmann felt that if we didn't do something now, it may be more difficult to accomplish in the future. He didn't feel that cost would play a factor for the people that buy in the subdivisions; they would be willing to pay the money for sidewalks or widening of the road.

McDonald liked the idea of widening of the road and felt we should do something now; not 20 or 50 years down the road when this subject would come up again.

Nealis further stated that sidewalks would escalate the cost of lots and would hurt the tax base of the City. In talking with a developer, he said he was more concerned with the appearance of the area and really didn't care about anything else.

Glodosky felt that there is an overkill of sidewalks; we don't really need them.

Motion was made by West, seconded by Glodosky to send a recommendation to Plan Commission and Public Works to provide a more ped/bike friendly subdivision by increasing the width of street by adding 4 feet on either side, with their second choice being installing sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

Nealis wanted it stated, in the Minutes, that we address existing subdivisions in the future when they will be repaving their roads for possible upgrading.

4. Election of Officers

Motion was made by Glodosky to nominate West for President. Phillips closed nominations, seconded by McDonald. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried. Motion was made by McDonald to nominate Glodosky as Vice President. Phillips closed nominations, seconded by McDonald. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

President - Scott West

Vice President - Mike Glodosky

5. Update on Arts and Special Events Grants

Schrader listed the following as recipients of Grant money for Arts

Central Wis. Symphony Orchestra

Central Wis. Children Museum

Point Dance Ensemble

Monteverdi Master Chorale

Central Wis. Area Community Theatre

Rejected Wisconsin Master Chorale as they didn't meet all the criteria.

Special events funded the Happy Trails Tour

6. Addition to Agenda on serving food at the "Reading First" event on July 15, 2002

Chuck Nason presented the Board with a letter requesting that fees be waived (\$500.00) if food is served for their event "Reading First" on July 15, 2002 at the Bandshell. He explained that they would not be generating any of this money; the vendors would be making the money and would only be providing children's snacks such as popcorn, hot dogs, etc. The evening would be spent with entertainment from Tom Pease and then the reading of a family entertainment book not to be disclosed at this time. The event would be free, to the public, to encourage reading year round.

Aldinger felt that this was a great service to the community.

Alderson Sevenich said that she has been in contact with the Library and they feel this is a very worthwhile event.

Motion was made by Glodosky, seconded by Curtis to waive the rental fee and take 10% of the gross sales by the vendors.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

7. Director's Report

- **There will be a joint meeting with the Board of Public Works and the Plan Commission and Park Commission on Tuesday, May 14, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.** in Conference Rooms 1 & 2 in the County Annex Building. Brian Doudna and John Gardner will be presenting an informational presentation on the recommended improvements of downtown as approved by the Downtown Action Committee.
- **Started expansion on Bandshell with completion hopefully in late June.**
- **Goerke pressbox is near completion; waiting for siding.**
- **Parks officially opened May 1, 2002**

8. Adjournment

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

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