

Meeting Minutes  
Board of Park Commissioners  
August 7, 2002

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1. Roll Call

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

Absent Excused-Okonek

Also Present-Bill Nuck, Chancellor Tom George, Alderperson Sevenich

2. Approval of the July 3, 2002 Minutes

Director Schrader advised the Board that the Common Council had pulled the item dealing with extension of pool hours last month and voted 7 to 3 not to open the wading pool at 10:00 am, as recommended by this Commission.

Motion was made by Somers, seconded by Molski to approve the Minutes of July 3, 2002 Meeting as amended by the Common Council at their July Meeting.

Ayes;all, Nays;none. Motion carried.

3. Request to Name Goerke Stadium Pressbox in Honor of Don Friday

Bill Nuck presented Chairperson West with eight letters of support; (Myself, Chuck Nason, Chancellor George, John Shannon, Jack Porter, Athletic Directors O'Brien, Shafranski and Owens). Nuck thought that Don was very deserving of this honor. That over the years Don has always put forward the extra it took to make our sports facilities and athletics top notch and known throughout the state. Nuck also wanted to thank Schrader and his staff for all the day to day upkeep and major improvements that have been made to our great parks system. As a member of the Goerke Park Sports Committee, he is especially pleased to see that Goerke Park is still one of the best recreational/sports complexes in the state.

Motion was made by Somers, seconded by Glodosky to dedicate and name the pressbox at Goerke Stadium in honor of Don Friday.

Ayes;all, Nays;none. Motion carried.

4. Extension for use of Goerke Cell Tower Funds

Schrader, through a memo to the Commission and Finance Committee, explained that after inspecting the stadium with two consultants, it was their recommendation that the concrete bleacher area needs to be sealed. Upon bidding out the renovation project, when the alternate add of sealing of bleacher area was added to the base bid, we were short approximately \$30,000.00. Schrader recommended extending the use of our cell tower funds, for two years, to cover the shortage. He believed, that waiting to accumulate the necessary funds, over the next two years, we will only continue to damage the stadium structure.

Motion was made by Somers, seconded by Freckmann to extend the use of the Cell Tower Funds, collected in Goerke, to cover the costs of the Stadium Renovation.

Ayes: all, Nays:none. Motion carried.

5. Director's Report

- **All-Purpose Building addition begins on Monday.**
- **Bandshell addition is about 90% complete. By Friday, the only thing left to do will be to install the handrails, install plumbing fixtures and finish wiring the lights.** Phillips wanted Schrader to check on what we had for a completion date.
- **Community Picnic that was held in Pfiffner Park this past Saturday, the organizers felt was very successful for the first year. They have booked the first weekend, next year, to hold the event again.**
- **The playground equipment will be installed in Conifer Acres on Monday. The neighbors have formed a work committee to help install the edging and wood chips.**
- **We received a check from Nature Treks for the first month of usage at the Ski Lodge. He has sold no merchandise to date and has had limited bike rentals. He has received positive feedback from the people that have stopped in the Lodge. Most didn't even know it was open.**
- **Annual Truck Show this weekend in Pfiffner Park. Commission wanted to make sure vehicles are not parked between the path and the river.**
- **This past weekend, our department and our parks, helped to host; Community Picnic in Pfiffner, 24 team National ASA 18 and under girls softball tournament at Zenoff, Big Brothers/Big Sisters bike ride on the Green Circle and a number of large family outings at our lodges.**
- **Commissioner Curtis would like the Commission, in the future, to take a look again at developing a Skateboard Park in the city. Could Schrader please report, back to the Commission, as to the progress on the park in Plover.**
- **Phillips stated that he didn't see much use of the playground equipment in Slomann Park. He wondered if it should be moved to another park. Nealis and several other commissioners stated that they have seen kids on the equipment. Schrader stated that as neighborhoods age, sometimes equipment and park usage declines. But as the neighborhoods turn over, younger families move back in, and the equipment and park begin to see more use. Texas Park area is a good example of that right now.**

6. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Commissioners, motion was made by Curtis, seconded by McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 7:00p.m.

7. Tour of Goerke Stadium Pressbox

Commissioners Freckmann, Glodosky and West toured the pressbox with Director Schrader.

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