

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

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1. Roll Call

Present - Molski, McDonald, Okonek, Glodosky, Phillips, Aldinger

Absent Excused - Somers, Curtis, Freckmann

Absent Unexcused - West, Nealis (West had an emergency; tried to call)

Also Present - Bernice Sevenich, Sue Spice, Nicole Odegaard, Carmen Luque, Rob Stoker, Richard Barker, Jo Seiser, Tom Schrader, Carole Francel

2. Approval of the August 7, 2002 Minutes

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Molski to approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2002 Meeting.

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

3. Request to Hold Car Show in Pfiffner Pioneer Park on June 28, 2003 (Freddy's Free-Loaders Car Club)

Schrader said that he has recently spoken to the organizer of this event and he would like the event to be put on hold as the insurance would cost \$1,500.00 and our fee of \$500.00 would make the event too expensive to hold.

Phillips liked the idea and thought we could approve the event tonight. That way if they do obtain the necessary insurance, we don't have to address the request in the future.

McDonald recommended that we approve the event with the understanding that the park will not be fenced off.

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Okonek to approve the event, if applied for in the future, with the following requirements: park remain open to the public, no cars be parked between the blacktop path and the river, and if the grounds are wet that no vehicles be parked south of the bandshell.

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

4. Deeding of Dedicated Park Land Adjacent to Conifer Acres to City (Town of Hull)

Schrader stated that the Town of Hull would like to deed, to the City, an undeveloped park they own, adjacent to ours in Conifer Acres. When we acquired our park land in Conifer Acres through park land dedication, we located our park adjacent to there's to form a large park for the area.

Schrader stated that as staff he would recommend that we accept the land for park purposes only, remove some of the dead trees, clear out some of the under brush to expand the open space, and waive any nonresidents fees that we may charge for the use of that property (area) in the future.

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Aldinger to accept the deed of the undeveloped park, owned by the Town of Hull, to the City for park purposes only and any non-residents fees charged in the future on that deeded property will not be charged to Hull residents.

Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and Recommendations on Correspondences about Pfiffner Building Rentals

Schrader stated that we started renting out the lodge in the spring of 1995 and until recently, neither the Parks Department or the Police Department have ever had any complaints about noise generated from renters. Earlier this month, we received two complaints from neighbors across the street from the Pfiffner Building. Some renters are having amplified music (not allowed and stipulated on contract that they sign), blocking driveways with their cars, early morning truck noise from our clean-up crew and excessive late hour noise from loud talking after the party has ended.

Schrader said he can address the issue on early morning cleanup by making that building our last stop and turn off vehicle when cleaning the lodge. He also suggested that we ask renters to close the doors facing Franklin Street after 10:00 pm. and require them to have the lodge cleaned by midnight, instead of 1:00 a.m.

Sue Spice, one of the neighbors affected, said the noise and traffic is out of control and has noticed this in the past few years but just never called to complain. She wondered if the street department could possibly paint the curb yellow by her driveway to deter people from blocking her in, and staff will check to see if that could be done. She also felt that if the doors would be closed facing Franklin Street, some of the noise could be eliminated. Since bands, DJs, etc. are not allowed, perhaps that could be better enforced and their deposits held.

Schrader stated that he has checked with the city attorney and the deposit can only be held for damage, cleanup, etc. mentioned in the contract. He again stated that if a renter is abusing the contract with loud music, that they should call the Police and they will shut the party down.

Richard Barker, the other neighbor affected by the loud music, said it is so loud that things fall off his wall. He has observed some groups setting up earlier than the 10:00 am check-in time and when leaving at 1:00 am they shout and laugh by their parked cars keeping him awake. He said he has called the Police, they have come down and told them to leave, but then [the people] return to the area after the Police have left. He has seen the contract and feels we need to enforce it better and make sure the rules are followed.

McDonald questioned whether the renter's park in the parking lot and Sue Spice said they first park on the street, in front of her house, and then the lot.

Jo Seiser thought we should charge more for the Pfiffner Building and encourage renters to use other lodges. She also felt we should close lodge earlier and take the security deposit if they are cited for loud noise. Also, they should not be allowed to rent a lodge in the future. Schrader

commented that the lodge does cost more (same as Bukolt) and we have no control over who rents the lodges as anyone can call in and we have to take their word that they are being honest with us.

Phillips asked when our lodges close and Schrader said on October 13th. He felt we can look at the contract at a later date and perhaps Gruber Security can check on lodges and enforce some of these rules.

Bernice Sevenich reminded everyone that the city has an ordinance that there can be no loud music, disturbances, etc. between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am. There is no daytime ordinance; however, you could be sited for "disturbance of the peace." If there is a problem, she strongly advises that you contact the Police Department.

McDonald thought maybe we should hand them a Do and Don't list. Okonek favored a sign in the lodge spelling out "No amplified Music."

Schrader thought that all of these issues are already addressed in the contract that they sign.

Motion was made by Molski, seconded by Phillips that we look at our Lodge Rental procedures, especially the Piffner Building, in December and come up with recommendations at that time.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

6. Director's Report

- All Purpose building about 50% completed
- Goerke pressbox completed
- Goerke stadium 50% completed; sealing bleacher area and tuck pointing
- Bandshell is done
- Willett Arena open and had 350 people attend opening
- Irrigation at Bukolt diamond started
- Concession Stand addition at Bukolt diamond started

7. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Commissioners, motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Okonek to adjourn at 7:30 pm. The meeting minutes reproduced on this website are derived from the computer files used to produce the official minutes for the City of Stevens Point, but are unofficial. The minutes on this web site cannot be certified under s. 889.08, Wis. Stats., and cannot be considered prima facie evidence under s. 889.04, Wis. Stats. Certain tables, maps, and other documents that are a part of the official minutes are not included in the files reproduced on this website. Please consult the printed minutes, available in the City Clerk's Office, for the official text. The decisions made by City of Stevens Point boards, committees, and commissions (other than the Police & Fire Commission) are advisory only and are not binding on the city until affirmed at a meeting of the Common Council. Some of the minutes on this web site might not be approved by the Common Council as of today.

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