

## Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

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### 1. Roll Call

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

Absent Unexcused - Molski

Also Present - Richard Barker, Rob Stolzer, Jo Seiser, Dave Sowieja, Jack Barr, Bernice Sevenich, Tom Schrader, Carole Francel

### 2. Approval of the October 2, 2002 Minutes

Richard Barker noted that under #5 paragraph 5, Sue Spice said that the music was so loud that things fall off the wall and correction on the spelling of Rob Stolzer's name.

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Glodosky to approve the Minutes of the October 2, 2002 Meeting with the corrections listed above.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

### 3. Recommendation on Maybelle Erickson Plat

The Commission was asked to review a subdivision request for 13 lots at the end of Della Street. As per our ordinance, the City has the option of receiving \$250.00 per lot or 16,244 sq. ft. of land for park purposes. Our current Comprehensive Outdoor Plan does not address adding to Kozickowski Park, however, the area that is being proposed for development, currently does provide recreational ice fishermen a means to access the pond and channels. Schrader said he has worked with the developer and looked at providing access points to the water.

The proposed plat shows four access points, to the water, totaling approximately 22,000 sq.ft. All of this land is considered wetlands, but could be walked on. If this land is developed, the fishermen would lose access to the water as the lots are developed. In accepting these wetlands as park land, we strongly note that in no way are we setting a precedent for acceptance of wetlands in the future, for park land through our parkland dedication ordinance. The City, by funding two weed harvesters and the dredging project, has made a commitment to making McDill a recreational asset to the City and therefore we should work to provide public access points, when they become available. Also, the developer is working with Kent Hall from the local Audubon Society in an effort to keep lots 8 through 13 in their natural state. The plan is for the Society to raise enough funds to purchase lots 8 - 12 and the developer will donate lot 13. If this doesn't happen, the developer has agreed to at least donate the island and peninsula to the city for park purposes.

McDonald asked if lots 8 - 13 became park, would that be in addition to the park land dedicated and Schrader said yes. She felt in addition to the park lands that would be dedicated, the commissioners and aldermen should support the creation of a park on lots 8 - 13.

Aldinger wondered if there would be additional costs to the city if this new park was created and Schrader said he would recommend that everything would remain the same in its natural state.

Motion was made by Somers, seconded by Aldinger that we accept the four access points, as platted, for park purposes.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

### 4. Discussion and Recommendation on Lodge Rental Policies

Seiser opened the discussion and addressed #10 on the Contract. She would like to delete loud music and discretion and replace with "no amplified music or loud voices allowed". She would like to see 12:00 midnight as the time to be out of park instead of 1:00 am.

Curtis asked if we have a noise ordinance as it relates to decibel levels and Schrader said no. That in his opinion and other city officials, using decibel levels as a means of controlling noise may actually allow more noise.

McDonald felt that if the rules were followed, there would be no problem and that they need to be enforced. Also, that the public be told that this lodge is in a residential neighborhood and to curtail the noise.

Somers wanted it noted, for the record, that we are strictly in favor of the rules that we have and should be enforced.

Freckmann noted that #9 speaks of illegal parking being subjected to a fine and this has not been done. Also, he feels that music should always be at a comfortable level and not so loud that you have to shout at one another.

Rob Stolzer felt that we should hold their \$100.00 deposit if they have music and Schrader said he has checked with our City attorney and that is not allowed. He also would like to see the ordinance cost, fine, listed on contract.

Okonek felt that the people should be notified that their party may be shut-down if the music is loud, and to put this and the closing time in bold print on the contract. He felt 10:00 pm or 11:00 pm as the shut-down time and cleanup and out of lodge by midnight would be better than the 1:00 am.

Somers said that she has lived a block away from Goerke Park, and knew when they moved there that they would have more traffic, noise etc. Piffner is a well used park, we should enforce the rules we have, and the neighbors will have to adjust as that is part of the deal living by a park.

Phillips said that the building was not a lodge when these people purchased their home so they were unaware of the plans for that building.

Nealis felt that this seemed to be a policing issue and if the neighbors were disturbed by loud music, they should call the police and have the party shut-down.

Glodosky felt that the lodges should stay with the hours that we have; they have had no other complaints on the lodges. Perhaps an article in the paper may help alert the public on our no music clause.

Motion was made by Somers, seconded by Okonek to change the closing time to "end party at 11:00 pm. and out of park by 12:00 midnight".

Ayes: Phillips, West, Okonek, Aldinger, McDonald, Nealis, Curtis, Somers

Nays: Freckmann, Glodosky

Motion carried.

Phillips made an amendment to the motion that we delete all of #10 and say "No amplifiers allowed", seconded by Nealis.

Ayes: Phillips, West, Okonek, Aldinger, McDonald, Nealis, Curtis, Freckmann

Nays: Somers, Glodosky

#### 5. Initial Review of Proposed 2003-2006 Park Prices

Schrader explained that a letter is sent to all the users with the information on Park prices for their review and then in January they are approved.

Seiser felt we were not being fair with the boat slips, and suggested a lottery system. She also stated that we should charge more money for the slips and even charge more to the non-residents.

Glodosky stated that they have always paid the money when the contract was sent out and he didn't see a problem with our present system.

Okonek asked if we are making money on the slips and Schrader answered yes.

Somers asked if the people on the waiting list are evenly mixed with residents and non-residents and Schrader said initially we took non-residents but Mayor Scott Schultz initiated the residents only policy some years back so now we only take residents. Right now we have about 40 people on the waiting list.

Freckmann wondered how we compare to others charging for boat slips and Schrader said we are comparable.

Phillips asked if once these fees are approved, can they be changed down the road and Schrader said yes we can look at them anytime.

Seiser felt that under lodges, Pfiffner should be higher than the rest of the lodges because of its popularity and Schrader said we charge the same for the three larger lodges as they are unique in their own way and also very popular.

McDonald thought that perhaps we could raise the cost on the lodges and still have people rent them.

In January, 2003 these Park Prices will be approved.

#### 6. Recommendation on Definition for Family Pass

Schrader said that it has come to his attention that we need to define "family" as it relates to Family Passes at the Pool and Ice Arena. More and more users are listing grandparents, friends living with them, aunts, uncles, in-laws, etc. as part of their family to save that person from buying a pass. Our passes are priced low enough for most people to afford and if not, we will work with Social Services to see that they can use our facilities/programs.

McDonald thought we should include a dependent living in household.

Motion was made by Okonek, seconded by Glodosky to define a family, for the purpose of purchasing a Family Pass as; Up to two parents plus their children (first generation) under the age of 18, living permanently at the provided address.

McDonald amended motion to "strike the word permanently", seconded by Nealis.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

#### 7. Director's Report

- **Santa's Workshop is now open**

- **Freddy's Free-Loaders Car Club has canceled event because of high insurance costs which would make the event too expensive to hold.**

#### 8. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Commissioners, motion was made by Somers, seconded by Nealis to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm. Schrader gave the Commissioners a tour of the newly renovated All-Purpose lodge which turned out to be a very nice facility.

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