

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2011**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the May 4, 2011 Minutes**
- 3. Request to Reduce Rental Fee at Community Stadium (Portage Cty Youth Soccer)**
- 4. Director's Report**
- 5. Adjournment**

1. Roll Call

Present: Bahling, Freckmann, Glodosky, Hall, McDonald, Sorenson, West, Ald. Slowinski.

Excused: Okonek

Absent: Ald. Brooks, Ald. O'Mera

Also Present: Director Schrader, Betty Bruski Mallek, Ald. Suomi, Michael Madigan.

2. Approval of the May, 2011 Minutes

Motion was made by West, seconded by Hall, to approve the May 4, 2011 minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. Request to Reduce Rental Fee at Community Stadium (Portage Cty Youth Soccer)

Mike Madigan representing the Portage County Youth Soccer Association addressed the Commission requesting the hourly rate at the Community Stadium be reduced from \$100.00 to \$50.00 for their games on June 25 and June 26, 2011 so they can afford to play games at Goerke field. The Soccer Association will be holding their Sentry Soccer Classic in which 122 teams are registered and would need to play 16 games outside of their complex. The Portage County Youth Soccer Association is at their present location in their 7th year and have outgrown the location to hold all of the games at their complex. They tried using their old fields at Madison School last year but the area is completely run down and not suitable for soccer.

Questions were asked why the Soccer Association doesn't use the UW fields or the fields at Bannach School. Mr. Madigan stated the University costs are too expensive for them and the fields at Bannach School are not full size. Goerke Field meets their needs.

Chairman Glodosky asked if the Youth Soccer Association could get sponsorship for the rental fees at Goerke? Mr. Madigan responded that they do get sponsorships but the money is used in other areas.

Liz McDonald stated she cannot support the request to reduce the fees because the Long Range Room Tax Planning Committee/Common Council allocated \$167,000.00 towards the Soccer facility.

Mr. Madigan was asked how much is fundraised during this weekend event. He responded between \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00.

Director Schrader cautioned that if the fees are reduced for this user group, all of the users that are currently paying the fee would asked for the same reduction. He also stated when the fund

raising drive for the Community Stadium was taking place; the Soccer Association was approached to help fund the project similar to what Youth Football and YMCA offered in funding (\$2,000.00/yr for 10 years). The Soccer Association chose not to participate in helping to renovate the stadium/field. The Youth Football, YMCA, and groups making the annual contribution can use the turf area without paying fees for up to 150 hours annually. Unused time cannot be carried over or transferred.

Mr. Madigan is interested in pursuing the idea of the Portage County Youth Soccer Association signing a contract with the City to pay the \$2,000.00 annually for a 10-year commitment to be able to use the Community Stadium free for 150 hours annually.

Motion by McDonald, seconded by Balding, to deny the request of the Portage County Youth Soccer Association to reduce the rate for the use of the Stadium from \$100.00 to \$50.00.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. Director's Report

Director Schrader reported:

- The Municipal Pool opens on June 9th and the "grand opening" is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th at 1:00 p.m. with door prizes through 4:00 p.m.
- Free swim sponsors increased by 2 this year and there are now 11 sponsors for free swimming on Saturdays and a couple of Sundays from 10:00 until noon.
- The Forestry Department has completed the tree planting for spring and now are planting flowerbeds.
- Learn to Skate will start at the Willett on June 13 through the June 23rd.
- Five board advertisements have been sold on the center ice bringing in about \$11,000.00.
- Bike to Work week is June 6th through June 10th. Anyone wanting to ride to City Hall with Mayor Halverson come to the Recreation Center, which is the starting point on Friday, June 10th at 7:45 a.m.
- The first Green Circle Trail kiosk was completed on May 23rd on Wilshire Drive. The work was done by the Green Circle and the Audubon Society. Plans for a second kiosk to be placed in Bukolt Park at the boat launch to be completed this fall.
- The Sculpture Park Summer Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., featuring newly installed sculpture, music, dance, poetry and family activities. With the addition of the 6 new sculptures, there is a total of 11 in the park.
- Walk Wisconsin is this Saturday. Feel free to stop by to help and/or just to encourage the walkers.

Chairman Glodosky informed the Commissioners that Alderperson Suomi asked to address the Park Commissioners.

Alderperson Suomi asked that an agenda item be added to the July or August Board of Park Commissioners' meeting which would permit the Commissioners to evaluate the current operational hours of the aquatic swimming pool hours with discussion and possible action.

The Commissioners asked Director Schrader to meet with Alderperson Suomi once the Alderperson submits her request to the Director on what she would like evaluated at the municipal pool. Alderperson Suomi stated she would like the whole operation of the pool hours evaluated prior to budget time this fall.

5. Adjournment

Motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by McDonald, to adjourn the June 2011 meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.