

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

January 5, 20001. Roll Call

Present - Sachs, West, McDonald, Aldinger, Freckmann, Phillips, Nash, Nealis

Absent Excused - Somers, Okonek

Absent Unexcused - Glodosky

Also Present - John Kedrowski (Alderman)

2. Approval of the November 3, 1999 Minutes

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Sachs to approve the Minutes of the November 3, 1999 meeting.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and Recommendation on Correspondence from Worzalla Family

Schrader explained that we now have a policy in effect for the naming of Parks, etc. The Worzalla family requested the renaming of Texas Park to the "Worzalla Park" in memory of Skip Worzalla. Several years ago, the Worzalla family paid the entire cost to renovate the fountain in the park in McGlachlin Park.

Commission members didn't think request for renaming the park met the criteria of renaming of an existing park, as per the newly adopted policy was suggested, that the family put together the appropriate verbiage for a plaque to be placed on the concrete base of the fountain.

Freckmann asked what the criteria is for renaming a Park and Schrader said it involves researching the location, substantial donation, gratitude to an individual who has made a major contribution to the community, etc.

Kedrowski questioned the cost factor and Schrader said there is about \$3000.00 left from the original donation and he is not aware of the cost for the plaque; he would check with Schmeekle Reserve as they have plaques that would be comparable to our request.

Aldinger thought it would be a good idea to have a plaque on the fountain since the Worzalla family has paid the total cost.

McDonald questioned how this request came about and Schrader said that many years ago, it was brought to the Mayor's attention that this was something the family would like to do because of their company influence in the community and the family name.

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Nash that we follow the policy by dedicating the fountain in memory of Mr. Worzalla in the form of a plaque to be placed on the concrete base of the fountain. Verbiage to be prepared by the family and adopted by the Commission and Common Council.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

4. Correspondence from 2417 Patch Street

Schrader stated that the owner of the home at 2417 Patch Street plans on selling his home, which abuts the north side of Morton Park, and wondered if the city is interested in buying his home. Schrader explained that our current Park Plan calls for the purchasing of homes on the south side and feels we should continue pursuing only these homes.

Kedrowski feels that this is the only park in his ward (5th) and if property becomes available, the city should take advantage of it. The plan is for playground equipment on the south side and he feels we could use the additional property for expansion.

Freckmann felt we should maybe buy when we can and asked how much the property would cost. Schrader said it is assessed at \$40,000 but the owner would probably want at least \$50,000. In addition, the city may have some relocation costs.

Phillips felt we should not take property off the tax rolls and it would be too expensive to buy for park land

Nealis felt we should spend funds to purchase park lands on the east side of town, where we can buy more for our money and who pays for demolishing a home; Schrader said that would be taken care of by our staff. That even though land may be cheaper to purchase east of town, we **can't abandon the inner city, where the population density is greater and greenspace is more limited.**

McDonald stated, we should concentrate on purchasing lands as per the adopted park plan, especially in areas in the city where the population density is the greatest..

Motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Phillips to not purchase the property at 2417 Patch St. north of Morton Park and to stick with our adopted Park Plan.

Ayes: Sachs, Nealis, Phillips, Nash, West, McDonald

Nays: Aldinger, Freckmann

Motion carried

5. Review and Approval of Sixth Addition Parkwood

Schrader stated that the city took land from the initial development and has taken cash since then because of the limited land that is being **subdivided. With this addition, we would be allowed, as per our ordinance, to receive a ½ acre of land. Therefore, the city would be better off with the \$250.00 per lot.**

Phillips asked how long the fee has been at \$250.00 per lot.

Schrader stated that it has been that fee since 1989.

The Commission members thought that perhaps we should look at increasing this fee, since the value of property has gone up considerably since 1989. This needs to be reviewed and put on a later Agenda.

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by McDonald that we collect money in lieu of land for the sixth addition in Parkwood.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

6. Director's Report

Goerke Ice Rink is reopened and Iverson Park should be opened this weekend. Note that we have (2) ice rinks at Goerke, rinks at Mead, Pfiffner, and the schools, Washington, Jackson, Emerson, McKinley and UWSP that are maintained by the city.

Special Events committee met and funds are distributed as follows:

Meet the Millennium, 12/28,29/99, \$645.00

Celebrating the Life of Martin Luther King Jr., 2/7/00, \$1,000

Fin, Fur & Feather, 2/5/00, \$1,000

Bridge Bash 2000, 2/26/00, \$4,100

Portage County Cultural Fest, 4/29/00, \$500.00

Art Center is doing well with ongoing exhibits

7. Adjournment

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