

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

March 1, 2000. Roll Call

Present - Glodosky, Okonek, Sachs, Phillips, Freckmann, West, Nash

Absent Excused - Somers, McDonald, Aldinger

Absent Unexcused - Nealis

Also Present - Reid Rocheleau, Bernice Sevenich, Susan Kampmeier

2. Approval of the January 5, 2000 Minutes

Motion was made by Freckmann, seconded by Phillips to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2000 meeting.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

3. Update on Disc Golf Courses

Schrader updated the Commissioners on the following:

There is a nine (9) hole course now on Patch Street. They need signage for T s and a name for the area. The parking area worked out fine this past fall. They have been playing year round, with no problems and they have been good about cleaning up, with minimal garbage. The Whitetail course is coming along fine with 9-10 baskets ordered and hopefully the total 18 will be ready by this Fall. Woodchips are being hauled in to outline the fairways and we will get some help from University students this spring to spread the chips. A small parking lot still needs to be constructed.

Phillips questioned whether Consolidated will honor their lease agreement, on the Patch Street course, now that they have sold to a company in Finland. Schrader said he will contract Consolidated.

4. Review of City Open Space Since 1988

Schrader, using an overhead projector, reviewed the City's 1372 acres of open space proposed for change, since 1988. Of that, approximately 20% has stayed in open green space and the remaining 80% (1099 acres) that was developed, 379 acres are residential lots. (See attached). Stevens Point falls within the Park standards.

Freckmann felt that comparisons are questionable and is growth always better? He strongly suggests we acquire all the green space we can.

Phillips wondered what is considered wetlands, and Schrader stated that any area that is unbuildable, marshes, etc.

5. Update of Room Tax Committee

Schrader updated Commissioners, on the status of the 15 proposals, as of the first review, with two of those proposals not meeting the criteria for funding. There are two meetings scheduled for March 22 and March 23 at 7:00 p.m. On March 22, each contact person will be at meeting, to answer any questions, and allowed 5-20 minutes, depending on the request. The committee will also review the first draft on the proposed ranking and rating to be used. On March 23, the committee will finish the review, and finalize the ranking and rating system. Schrader guessed that in April the committee will rank and rate all the proposals and finalize the report, bringing back their recommendation, to the Park Board, in May or June. It then will go to Finance/Council for approval.

6. Director's Report

- Award for 1999 Tree City USA to be celebrated on Arbor Day

- Winter Sports Area closed because of warm weather

- Ski Lodge on Hwy. 66 was opened on Saturdays and Sundays, for the first time to the public, with about 25-40 people utilizing facility on weekends.

- Ice Show April 1st and 2nd.

- Hwy. 10 reconstruction closing bridge March 20th.

- Parks opening on May 1st

- Summer Program Brochure available early April with early registration for city residents.

- Westside bathrooms, at Goerke, are now wheelchair accessible. (Bukolt, Pfiffner Bldg. and All-Purpose are all wheelchair accessible)

- Riverfront Rendezvous is June 30, July 1,2 with the fireworks on Sunday.

7. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Commissioners, motion was made by Phillips, seconded by West to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

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