

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

October 4, 2000. Roll Call

Present - Somers, Okonek, McDonald, Molski, Freckmann, Nealis, Glodosky, Sachs, Phillips, Aldinger

Absent Excused - West

Also Present - John Kedrowski, Bernice Sevenich, Perry Pazdernik, Jim Carson, Wade Wielgus

2. Approval of the September 6, 2000 Minutes

Motion was made by Molski, seconded by Freckmann to approve the Minutes of the September 6, 2000 Meeting.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and Recommendation on Changing Beach Hours

In a memo from Asst. Facilities Supervisor Gregorich, he explained that he would like to see the facilities open one hour earlier and close them one hour earlier. The reason for this change is that most of the swimming areas have swimmers there when the lifeguards arrive and there are less swimmers overall as evening approaches with cooler temps. The changes would better serve our patrons needs with no additional cost to the City.

Motion by Aldinger, seconded by Glodosky to approve the Changing Beach Hours to open one hour earlier and close one hour earlier.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

4. Request to Install Cell Phone Antenna in Zenoff Park (Cellcom)

Schrader added the following information that he received from the Plan Commission.

1) Non-step or tapered pole

2) No work platform

3) All wires be buried underground

4) Poles when removed remain city property and placed by contractor at location determined by staff.

Glodosky questioned who decided on the pole placement at Zenoff.

Schrader stated originally we thought no outfield poles would work, due to the not being able to get a truck to the area without going on the playing surface. After walking the fields, we can get to the right field pole on the Miller Field.

Glodosky recommended that we use this pole for placement of the antenna, in that it wouldn't stick out as much as an infield pole.

McDonald asked where does the lease money go.

Schrader said that as per the boards policy adopted last month, the \$1000.00/mo. first goes into the Park where the antennae is located.

Okonek questioned the height as per the FAA.

Schrader said that would not be a problem with the height, that FAA will issue its approval in writing.

Glodosky felt that it may be necessary to use the \$1000.00/mo. for improving other parks and Schrader said that would be a board decision, that it does not necessarily have to go into the park where the antennae is located as per our policy.

Phillips wondered why there is a difference in the service panel needed for Cellcom versus the need for a building to house the switching equipment for U.S. Cellular. Wade Wielgus (Cellcom) answered that question as simply business technology.

Nealis said what happens when the lease is up and Schrader said they take down the antennae. The area also would not be fenced in.

Motion was made by Sachs, seconded by Phillips to approve of the Request to Install Cell Phone Antenna in Zenoff Park pending the lease agreement from the City Attorney following additions; the new steel pole be brown in color to match existing wooden poles, the existing lights be relocated on the new pole at their existing height and re-aimed, Cellcom covers all electrical upgrades and all monthly utility costs, the service panel not be fenced in, pole must be non-step/tapered, no platform at the top, removed pole remain city property, the removed pole be placed by contractor at a location determined by staff and all wires be buried underground.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

5. Request to Install Cell Phone Antenna in Goerke Park (U.S. Cellular)

Motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Freckmann to approve the Request to Install Cell Phone Antenna in Goerke Park with the following staff recommendations; the new pole be brown in color to match exiting poles, U.S. Cellular covers all electrical upgrades and all monthly utility costs, the lights and basket be relocated on the new pole at their existing height and re-aimed, materials used on addition to existing building must match the existing, the water fountain be relocated on the new addition, pole must be non-step/tapered, no platform at top, removed pole remain city property, the remove pole be placed by contractor at a location determined by staff, all wires be buried underground and the city attorney prepare the appropriate lease agreement. This request goes to Common Council for approval.

Ayes; all, Nays; none. Motion carried.

6. Request to Amend Current Forestry Ordinance (Aldersperson Kedrowski)

Kedrowski asked Commission to vote on each item separately.

Request one, change vision triangle to 50 feet.

After checking out the area again, Kedrowski said he was not satisfied with fifty (50) feet (should be more) and withdrew this amendment.

Request two, add Chinese Elm to list of trees not to be planted in parkways.

Freckmann stated that he doesn't know of any Chinese Elm this far north. That maybe Alderperson Kedrowski, it is being confused with a Siber Elm.

Kedrowski said he would amend his request from Chinese Elm to Siberian Elm.

Request three, would like Board of Public Works to approve any change orders of more than \$5000.00.

Okonek wondered what this issue has to do with the Park Board.

Kedrowski stated that in the past a Mayor changed a road layout without any approval from the Public Works Board.

McDonald felt that dollar amounts tend to become outdated, and since we have not had any problems before, why are we addressing this issue.

Nealis felt this belongs somewhere else, Kedrowski would be wise to withdraw this request and present to Public Works.

Schrader said he would check the ordinance book and help Kedrowski decide where to direct the request.

Request four, working on private property.

Kedrowski also wanted the following placed in the ordinance where staff best feels it fits in. If during construction or re-construction of a city street, a sewer lateral on private property is to be deviated to miss the root zone of a tree in the public way, the property owner must agree, in writing, to the deviation of his sewer lateral.

Kedrowski felt the property owner should know up front the reasoning behind saving a tree and felt the sewer lateral is more important. He personally has had problems in this regard.

Freckmann said the blvd. trees belong to the city and it is therefore the cities decision for removal.

Schrader said the property owner is always notified but not in writing. He is in favor of drafting a form/permit that a private owner can sign giving the city permission to work on their property.

McDonald and Okonek felt that this is a decision for the Parks Dept. to make; not the Public Works and we have competent staff to accomplish this.

Somers called for the voting on request #2.

Motion was made by Okonek, seconded by Glodosky to include Siberian Elm in the list of unsuitable trees for street planting.

Ayes: Somers, Okonek, McDonald, Molski, Nealis, Glodosky, Sachs, Phillips, Aldinger

Nays: Freckmann

Motion carried.

Request #4

Nealis wanted to talk about this again and wondered if we are creating an alarm.

Schrader stated that he thought it was a good idea to have the property owners permission in writing as this would protect the city in the long run if there was a problem.

Pazdernik thought both husband and wife should know about the deviation of their sewer lateral.

Freckmann felt our staff has credibility and we ve never had a problem.

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Sachs to draft a permit, to be signed by property owners, allowing the city to work on their property.

Ayes: Somers, Okonek, McDonald, Molski, Glodosky, Sachs, Phillips, Aldinger, Freckmann

Nays: Nealis

Motion carried.

7. Director's Report

We had 43 applications for the Forestry position, 7 were interviewed and Todd Ernster was selected. We are now taking applications for the Arborist position.

We now own the house on Bush Street and will be renting it out through a Realtor.

Still in contact with the Kulas' and they will get back to us.

The Friday night "Rock Hop", for 5th-8th graders will be every Friday night from 8:30-10:30 pm at the cost of \$2.50/person. Fix Amusement provided, free of charge, the use of games and a juke box. Hopefully, this will give something for our local teens to do.

8. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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