

NEW BERLIN PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, November 19, 2007

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 5:35 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers at New Berlin City Hall.

Present: Commissioners; Bill Christel, Michelle Della, Paul Gihring, Vern Radtke, Darrell Standish, Allison Thompson, and Council Representative Bill Moore.

Also Present: Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Mark Schroeder

Excused: Chuck Bedwell and Rick Kocchi

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This meeting was noticed on November 16, 2007 in accordance with Open Meetings law.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

New Berlin School District "Agreement for Use of School Facilities" – Review and Recommendation – Director Schroeder distributed various handouts to the Commission members relating to the facility use agreement with the New Berlin School District. Per the November 5, 2007 letter from School Business Manager Tony Goedheer, the new facility fee schedule went into effect on November 1, 2007, but the School District has extended the deadline for execution of the new agreement to December 1, 2007.

At the September meeting, the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission had reviewed the agreement, and provided recommendations which were summarized in a memo dated September 25, 2007, prepared by City Attorney Mark Blum. These recommendations were mailed on October 9th to School Superintendent Dr. Paul Kreutzer, via cover letter from the Mayor's Office. To date, the only written follow up correspondence was the November 5, 2007 letter from Tony Goedheer mentioned previously.

Commission Chairman Bill Christel and Director Schroeder met November 14th with the Mayor to discuss what feedback/correspondence had been received from the school district. The Mayor indicated he had meet with Dr. Kreutzer and/or had discussions in the last week, and that they had agreed City Attorney Mark Blum would send the City's recommendations for school district review.

These recommendations were prepared by Mark Blum in an email letter dated November 16, 2007, a copy of which was distributed to the Commission members. Following a review and comparison to the original agreement, and legal review comments dated September 25, 2007, the following motion was made;

Motion by Commission Radtke, seconded by Commission Della, to recommend to the Common Council to approve executing the "Agreement for use of School Facilities" for the period of September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008, with the inclusion of the language contained in the November 16, 2007 correspondence to the school superintendent by City legal counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be sent to the Common Council for review at the November 27, 2007 meeting. It was also the general consensus of the Commission members to recommend to the Common Council to work cooperatively with the school board starting in 2008 to reach a mutually agreeable long term agreement that will benefit both parties and ultimately the residents of the community.

NEXT MEETING: December 10, 2007

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Moore to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Radtke and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Schroeder for
Allison R. Thompson, Secretary
Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission

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