

NEW BERLIN PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, January 19, 2004

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

The regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 7:14 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers at New Berlin City Hall.

Present: Commissioners; Chuck Bedwell, Nancy Duff, Paul Gihring, James Gradel, Rick Kocchi, Michael McAdams, Vern Radtke and Council Representative Paul Gallagher.

Also Present: Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Mark Schroeder and Administrative Coordinator Cheryl Bowers.

MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Gihring to approve the minutes of the regular Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission Meeting of December 15, 2003 with the following motion revision: "Motion by Commissioner Gradel to make an exception to the refund policy and to issue a credit of \$40.00 to Mrs. Fuerst in lieu of a refund. *Seconded by Commission Gihring.* Motion fails with Commissioners Gallagher, Bedwell, and Gradel voting yes and Commissions Duff, Gihring, Kocchi, McAdams, and Radtke voting no." Should state "*Seconded by Commission Gallagher.*" Seconded by Commissioner Gallagher and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE & DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Communication from Srinath Sadam and Badar Syed regarding Pro-Health Care Park - Srinath Sadam and Badar Syed informed the Commission they are interested in developing land adjacent to and north of Pro-Health Care Park. Mr. Srinath and Mr. Badar proposed either purchasing or exchanging 30,000 square feet of land from Pro Health Care Park, at the northwest corner of the property, to allow for the extension of Dakota Street to serve the subdivision as recommended by the City of New Berlin Planning Department.

The Commission was concerned about the road being a danger to the children using the soccer field and would require a buffer or berm of some kind. There is a set-back requirement for the soccer field which caused concern about any rezoning, for roadway purposes, that would need to be conducted with the City. Park staff recommended that if this development moves forward, the developer purchase the property in lieu of exchanging the desired park area on the west end for the strip on the east end of the adjacent property. The donation agreement of the parkland from Pro-Health Inc., (PUD), needs to be reviewed to determine potential uses for the parkland.

Consensus of the Commission to request Mark Schroeder to obtain additional information on the land exchange and how the roadway design would effect plans for the development of Pro-Health Care Park. The Commission would also like to know the status of the 10 ft. strip of unowned land north of the park.

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Cheryl Bowers informed the Commission the December 2003 Expenditure Detail and the December 2003 Revenues and Expenditures Reports will not be available until next month. The last period of 2003 has not been closed out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Representative – No Report

Recreation Program Committee – No Report

Parks and Facilities Committee – No Report

Planning Committee – No Report

Golf Course Committee – No Report

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No Report

PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT: No Report

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

Update on Pro-Health Care Park – The turn lanes are completed and Mark Schroeder thanked the engineering department for the financial help with the paving and piping costs. The development has stopped for the season but will continue in the spring. Pro-Health Care Inc. will purchase the park entrance sign to be placed in the park.

Update on Weston's Antique Apple Orchard – The Ad-Hoc Committee has scheduled a meeting on January 29, 2004. The possible donation of the Weston's Antique Apple Orchard remains a work in progress. A recommendation by the Ad-Hoc Committee will be made to the full Commission at a future meeting.

Update on New Berlin Hills Streambank Stabilization Project – The project has been delayed by the weather and DNR permitting of the project. Since 2004, great efforts have been made toward the project.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: February 16, 2004

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Gradel to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Radtke and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bowers for
Nancy Duff, Secretary
Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission

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