

# Minutes

## NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, January 20, 2003

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 7:10 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers at New Berlin City Hall.

Present: Chairman Bill Christel, Commissioners; Chuck Bedwell, Paul Gihring, James Gradel, Larry Kilmer, Rick Kocchi, and Council Representative Paul Gallagher.

Also Present: Alderman Dave Ament, Gordon Nicholds and Eric Nicholds of AAT Communication Corp., Nancy Anderson and Robbie Robinson from SEWRPC, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Mark Schroeder and Administrative Coordinator Cheryl Bowers.

Excused: Vern Radtke and Nancy Duff

### MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Rick Kocchi to approve the minutes of the work session of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of December 16, 2002 with the revision of Commissioner Kilmer adjourning the work session, not Commissioner Bedwell. Seconded by Commissioner Paul Gihring and carried unanimously with Commissioner Bedwell voting present.

Motion by Commissioner Rick Kocchi to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of December 16, 2002. Seconded by Commissioner Paul Gihring and carried unanimously with Commissioner Bedwell voting present.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

No report due to end of year audit in progress.

### 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 ProHealth Care Park – Mark Schroeder reported that Joyce Salzmann is in no hurry for a Commission decision regarding the donation of her Landmark house located at 3130 South Sunny Slope Road.

Forestry Division Update – The department was awarded a 2003 DNR matching grant to conduct a Tree Inventory, prepare a Management Plan and Phase II Planting on National Avenue. This is the fourth consecutive year that the City has been awarded a Forestry grant from the State.

Parks and Forestry Supervisor, Dave Jeske, has been working with the DNR on the Gypsy Moth program. The department was awarded a matching grant to participate in the Aerial Suppression Program this spring. The public in the spraying and buffer areas will be notified by mail and an informational meeting will be held for New Berlin and Brookfield residents at the City of Brookfield City Hall on February 11, 2003.

Public Site and Open Space Account – For informational purposes, the Commissioners received the seven year analysis and last year's expenses for the Public Site and Open Space Account.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Consensus of the Commissioners to complete the other items under the Director's Report prior to reviewing the Park and Open Space Plan to accommodate the visitors present.

Gordon Nicholds and Eric Nicholds of AAT Communications in Brookfield presented their interest to the Commission regarding placing a telecommunication tower at ProHealth Care Park. They understood there was a moratorium in New Berlin regarding towers but they wanted to answer any questions the Commission may have at this time.

"Cool Pool Pass" and "Aerobic Program Coupon" programs were submitted to the Commission for their review and recommendation on recreation program fee proposals.

The New Berlin Police Department D.A.R.E. program along with the Mayor's Office and the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, would like to implement a free open swim "Cool Pool Pass" program to youth caught doing "something good". This may actually impact revenues in a positive manner since the recipient of the free pass will most likely bring a paying friend along with them to the open swim.

The "Aerobic Program Coupon" would allow the Aerobics Staff to award a "\$10 off the next session coupon" in a drawing. Eligibility would be based on attendance sheet records. This program would encourage participants not to miss more than two classes. The potential loss of revenue is \$200 but it also has the potential to increase attendance. After a few weeks of regular attendance, participants then become committed to the class because of the physical and emotional benefits of attending class.

Motion by Commissioner Kocchi to approve the "Cool Pool Pass" and "Aerobic Program Coupon" programs as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Kilmer and carried unanimously.

The Park and Open Space Plan revisions, to Chapter 5, Recommended Plan, were presented by Nancy Anderson of SEWRPC. The Commission received the changes along with a copy of the UW-Extension New Berlin Park and Recreation Survey Report. The Commission complimented SEWRPC on a well-written Forward that should get the Plan moving. The approval process is as follows; approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission; approval by the Plan Commission as part of the City Master Plan; and then approval by the Common Council.

Commissioner Gallagher was concerned that the Council will not approve the vision of Citywide off street trails in the Park Plan. The following changes were made to the Recreation Trails section with consensus of the Commission – "This park and open space plan recognizes the usefulness of three additions to the bikeway system recommended in the City Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan" and also "Recommended trail development over the next five-year period, is identified in the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Plan." The following changes were made to the Summary section with consensus of the Commission – "The Park Plan would be enhanced by incorporating the off-street trails in the City Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Plan." The Commission requested SEWRPC and Mark Schroeder to work together on the Commission changes.

Motion by Commissioner Gallagher to recommend to the Plan Commission, approval of Park and Open Space Plan with the approved changes. Seconded by Commissioner Gradel and carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** March 17, 2003

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Commissioner Bedwell to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Gradel and carried unanimously.

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