

Minutes

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, March 17, 2003

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 7:16 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers at New Berlin City Hall.

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

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Duff to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of February 17, 2003 as amended, to reflect consensus of the Commission for the New Berlin Historical Society to present information regarding the electrical work needed at the Winton-Sprengel House. Seconded by Commissioner Kocchi and carried unanimously with Commissioners Gihring and Radtke voting present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Consensus of the Commission for Denise Lucas of 4410 South Regal Drive, New Berlin, to speak before the Commission requesting a dog park. Ms. Lucas expressed the need for a safe place for the public to take their dogs where it is legal to let the dogs run without leashes. She requested an area with a parking lot, six to eight ft. fence with a gate, and a garbage can. Ms. Lucas suggested this park could be funded by donations or possibly raising the dog license fees.

Chairman Christel thanked Ms. Lucas for her suggestions and this matter would be discussed at a future meeting.

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the February 2003 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$21,824.63. They also reviewed the copies of the February Revenues and Expenditures. After a brief discussion, motion by Commissioner Kocchi to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Commissioner Radtke and carried unanimously.

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:

Commissioner Gihring informed the Commission that the public hearing for Park and Open Space Plan will be before the Plan Commission on April 7, 2003.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

ProHealth Care Park – Due to the weather, the DNR has extended the deadline for installation of the silt fence until March 22nd. The Parks and Forestry Crews have staked the area and will have the 3,600 lf of silt fence installed by the end of the week to meet the DNR deadline which will allow for summer construction.

Hickory Grove Windows & Roof Replacement – The Common Council approved the reallocation of funds for both the window and roof repair projects at the March 11th meeting. Staff will now proceed with the bid process for both projects.

Winton Sprengel House Roof Replacement – The Common Council approved the reallocation of funds from the Historic Park paving of the parking lot to the roof replacement on the Winton-Sprengel House. Mark Schroeder met with Don and Jackie Herman of the New Berlin Historical Society, and presented to the commission the pictures and justifications for needing to upgrade the electrical services.

Motion by Commissioner Duff to allocate the remainder of the funds from the Winton-Sprengel House roof replacement to be used for the electric service upgrade, without changing the historical integrity of the house. Seconded by Commissioner Radtke and carried unanimously.

Civil War Re-enactment – Mayor Wysocki is not in support of using taxpayers money to fund the re-enactment but is researching other options such as the fees collected from the room tax from the Hotels. The City of Waukesha can no longer support the Civil War Re-enactment. Mayor Wysocki is currently looking into the possibility of a community group, or the formation of a citizens committee to coordinate fundraising and overall organization for the event.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Park and Open Space Plan – The Park and Open Space Plan was on the March 3rd Plan Commission agenda, however, the Plan was tabled per the recommendation of the Plan Commission and the request of the Citizen's for Responsible Government. A public hearing has been scheduled before the Plan Commission on Monday, April 7th, with the Plan going before the Plan Commission for adoption on May 5th, and to the Common Council for approval on May 13th. Mark Schroeder asked the Commission for their support by attending the April public hearing.

Request to Acquire Weston's Antique Apple Orchard – Ken Weston has approached the Mayor regarding the donation of the Weston's Antique Apple Orchard to the City as an extension of Historic Park. This matter was previously brought before the Commission in 1999 with discussion continuing through May 2000. Mark Schroeder recommended this item be referred to the Parks and Facilities committee and City Staff for review. Mayor Wysocki, Mark Schroeder, and Commissioner Gihring will be present at the next New Berlin Historical Society Meeting to discuss the Society's interest in the Orchard.

2002 Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Annual Report – The 2002 Annual Report was distributed to the Commissioners. Mark Schroeder publicly thanked Recreation Supervisor Jon Stolz and Administrative Coordinator Cheryl Bowers for all their hard work on compiling the report. Chairman Christel commented on another successful year of accomplishments for the Department.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2002

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Kocchi to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Gradel and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bowers for

Nancy Duff, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission

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