

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, August 18, 2003

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

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 7:05 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, Rick Kocchi, Vern Radtke, and Council Representative Paul Gallagher.

Also Present: Matt Wade of ProHealth Care, Inc., Eric Nicholds of AAT Communications, Corp., Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Mark Schroeder and Administrative Coordinator Cheryl Bowers.

Excused: Michael McAdams

Chairman Christel announced the appointment of new Commissioner Michael McAdams. Commissioner McAdams was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment. The Commission looks forward to meeting him at the September Meeting.

MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Duff to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of June 2003 as amended; to state NBAA basketball not baseball was over spent. Also, the adjournment motion was seconded by Commissioner Radtke not Gallagher. Seconded by Commissioner Radtke and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Duff to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of July 2003. Seconded by Commissioner Radtke and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the June 2003 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$34,891.97. They also reviewed the copies of the June Revenues and Expenditures. The Commission reviewed the July 2003 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$41379.60. They also reviewed the copies of the July Revenues and Expenditures. After a brief discussion regarding the over spent Parks account 591.212, due to not yet receiving the grant reimbursement from the DNR, motion by Commissioner Kocchi to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Commissioner Gihring and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Representative – No Report

Recreation Program Committee – No Report

Parks and Facilities Committee – Meeting on July 8th regarding the Dog Exercise Park

Planning Committee – No Report

Golf Course Committee – No Report

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No Report

PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT:

Commissioner Gihring informed the Commission on current items the Plan Commission is working on. The Plan Commission is currently working on a zoning ordinance to change the park zoning to various zonings such as PA – Park Active, PP – Park Passive. This process will be brought before the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission for review and then returned to the Plan Commission with a recommendation to Council.

Consensus of the Commission to place the zoning recommendations on the September Agenda and to contact SEWPRC to see if this is a common practice.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

Update on ProHealth Care Park – The ground breaking event was very nice. Capitol Pavers was awarded the project by the Common Council at their July 22, 2003 meeting. The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 22nd. The department is waiting for the Chapter 30 DNR permit.

Update on New Berlin Hills Stream bank Stabilization Project – The Common Council awarded the contact to Henry R. Marohl, Inc. as recommended by the Commission. The project would commence following completion of the 2003 season, and be completed by April 15, 2004.

Update on Dog Exercise Park – On July 8th, the Parks & Facilities Committee met to discuss potential sites available for a dog exercise park. The best potential sites were Little Grove School located at Racine Avenue and Swartz Road and Minooka Park located at Racine Avenue and Sunset Drive. Waukesha County was contacted regarding the Minooka Park location. The County has proposals for two regional parks in the County, with possible 25 acres site at Minooka Park. However, there are no funds in the County budget for a dog park but residents in New Berlin, that are interested in a County dog park, should contact Jim Kavemeier at Waukesha County.

Joan Pray will contact the New Berlin Public Schools District Office on the possible use of the Little Grove School site.

The next meeting will be scheduled after Joan Pray contacts Chuck Bedwell or Mark Schroeder. The Committee will then bring an update to the Commission.

Update on Weston's Antique Apple Orchard – The Ad-Hoc Committee of Commissioners Gihring, Duff & Radtke toured the property at a previous meeting and met again on July 7 to recommend changes to the City Attorney regarding the Weston Agreement. Commissioner Radtke has contacted the Wisconsin Apple Growers Association and will inform the Commission of any interest. There will be an update at the September Commission Meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Review and recommendation on request by AAT Wireless Proposal at ProHealth Care Park – Commissioner Gihring, as a member of the Plan Commission, informed the Commission that the Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance was approved by the Common Council. The ordinance states in line 118, regarding the view corridor, that the only way to place a cell tower in a park is from a recommendation from the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission to the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission must then recommend it to the Common Council for approval.

Don Burkhardt, of 2830 S. Sunny Slope Rd. expressed his opposition on the cell tower in ProHealth Care Park. AAT Communication stated there is a hole in telecommunication service in the area of Sunny Slope Road and National Avenue. The area at Hickory Grove location but another type of pole may work.

Motion by Commissioner Rick Kocchi to recommend to the Plan Commission to deny placement of a cell tower in ProHealth Care Park. Seconded by Commissioner Paul Gallagher. Motion passes with Commissioner Jim Gradel voting no.

Review and recommendation on request by ProHealth Care, Inc. to relocate designated Landmark House to ProHealth Care Park – Joyce Salzmänn generously offered to donate and move the designated Landmark Jungbluth house to ProHealth Care Park for use in the park system. The offer was withdrawn when Ms. Salzmänn sold the property to ProHealth Care, Inc. The offer to donate and move the house is

still being offered to the City.

Motion by Commissioner Rick Kocchi to graciously deny the relocation of the City of New Berlin designated Landmark Jungbluth house to ProHealth Care Park. Seconded by Commissioner Nancy Duff. Motion carries unanimously.

2004 Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department Budget – The Council has requested a 0% tax rate increase. The largest expense increase is due to Health Insurance benefits. The department is trying to protect staff, which is at the same level it was 10 years ago in parks. Parks and Forestry Supervisor Dave Jeske is soliciting proposals for privatization of grass cutting. The Commission will receive the 2004 Budget Proposal in their September packet.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: September 15, 2004

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Kocchi to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Radtke and carried unanimously.

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

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