

Minutes

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 6:35 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, Tony Mescher, and Council Representative Paul Gallagher.

Also Present: Director of Planning Mark Lake, Brian Lennie from Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik, and Associates, Nancy Anderson & Robbie Robinson from SEWRPC, Director of Streets, Parks and Recreation Mark Schroeder and Administrative Coordinator Cheryl Bowers.

MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Tony Mescher to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of January 9, 2002. Seconded by Commissioner Paul Gallagher and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioner Paul Gihring requested a reconsideration of the vote regarding Corporate Capers request for the Commission to waive or reduce the fees for their tournament for Special Olympics

Motion by Commissioner Paul Gihring to reconsider the vote regarding waiving of the tournament fees for Corporate Capers. Seconded by Commissioner Tony Mescher and carried unanimously. Motion from January 9, 2002 meeting: "Motion by Commissioner Bedwell to waive the fees for Corporate Capers for the Special Olympics on April 27, 2002. Seconded by Commissioner Gihring and carried with Commissioners Bedwell, Gihring, Kilmer, and Gallagher voting yes and Commissioners Duff, Kocchi and Gradel voting no."

The tournament is scheduled for April 27, 2002. This is not a tournament of disabled participants, it is a tournament to raise funds for Special Olympics. Staff's recommendation is to be consistent with the other groups and charge the current fees as established by the Commission through the "Athletic Field Use Guidelines".

Motion by Commissioner Paul Gihring to deny Corporate Capers request to waive or reduce the fees for their tournament to raise money for Special Olympics. Seconded by Nancy Duff. Motion carried with Commissioner Paul Gallagher voting no.

Commissioner Nancy Duff requested a reconsideration of the vote regarding the cell tower placement in Pro-Health Care Park.

Motion by Commissioner Nancy Duff to reconsider the vote denying placement of the cell tower in Pro-Health Care Park. Seconded by Commissioner Tony Mescher. Motion carried with Commissioner Paul Gallagher voting no. Motion from January 9, 2002: " Motion by Commissioner Paul Gallagher to recommend to the Plan Commission to not permit the cell tower to be placed in Pro Health Care Park. Seconded by Commissioner Rick Kocchi and carried with Commissioners: Gallagher, Duff, Kocchi, Bedwell, and Kilmer voting yes, and Commissioners; Gradel, Mescher, and Gihring voting no."

Site Acquisitions, Inc. made a presentation to the Commission. The Commission and the public's questions and concerns were addressed by Site Acquisitions and the Director of Planning Mark Lake. The tower height request is for 180' but they could go as low as 160'. The lower the carrier on the tower, the less clear the transmission will be. At the end of the lease, the tower would be removed by the lessee. If the tower is not permitted in the park it will still be in the very near area and will be seen from the park. The revenue generated from the tower would be approximately the same as the other towers in the City, at \$15,000 annually. The tower will be a lattice tower to accommodate the number of committed carriers. The tower could be located on the western side of the park if that is the Commission's desired location.

Motion by Commissioner Nancy Duff to recommend to the Plan Commission to permit the cell tower to be placed on the west side of Pro Health Care Park with the following conditions:

1). The funding of the restroom/shelter building at the cost of \$200,000 should be provided by the lessee.

2). Funding of the portion of the paved access road which serves the cell tower facility should be provided by the lessee.

3). Landscaping associated with the cell tower should be provided by the lessee.

4). The revenues from the cell tower lease should be placed in the Public Site and Open Space Account for future park improvements instead of the General Fund.

5). The location of the tower in the park will be determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Seconded by Commissioner Gihring. Commissioners: Bedwell, Gihring, Gradel, and Mescher voting yes and Commissioners: Duff, Gallagher, Kilmer, and Kocchi voting no. Tie Vote. Chairman Christel voted yes, motion carries.

On behalf of Thomas Strupp, Eisenhower Middle School Science Teacher, Commissioner Chuck Bedwell presented the Commission with a Bluebird House Proposal. Eisenhower Middle School 8th grade science class is requesting the Commission sponsor their 35 birdhouses project at the cost of \$132 for materials. The birdhouses would be built and placed in various parks across the City.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Gihring to accept the sponsorship of \$132 for the Eisenhower Middle School Birdhouse project for one year. The sponsorship will be reviewed on an annual basis. Seconded by Commissioner Kilmer 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:

Chairman Bill Christel requested the media to use the facts when placing information in editorials and articles.

PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT:

Commissioner Paul Gihring informed the Commission on current items the Plan Commission is working on. Jacob's Ridge Condominiums have been approved in the area the Park and Open Space Plan suggests a neighborhood park should be placed. The Commission needs to keep aware of areas that are proposed for parks before the opportunity to purchase the land is lost.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

Update and recommendation on 2002 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Days – Consensus of the Commission to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month. The Council Chambers are available to televise the meetings and the Commissioners are available.

Update on Public Site and Open Space Expenditures (2001) – The Commissioners were presented with the Public Site and Open Space Report. In 2001, the expenses for park improvements and developing of new parks totaled \$305,484.40, leaving an account balance of \$702,350.37. Pro-Health Care Park Development will be charged to this account.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Pro-Health Care Park; Review of Park Development Cost Estimates & Phasing Schedule - Brian Lennie from Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik, and Associates presented the Commission with the Engineer's Estimate of Construction Costs for Pro-Health Care Park. The Commission instructed Mr. Lennie to remove the bleachers and portable football goals from the list. Consensus of the Commission to place the cell tower in the south west corner of the park.

Park and Open Space Plan - Nancy Anderson & Robbie Robinson from SEWRPC made an updated plan presentation to the Commission. The updated changes were primarily made to the maps. There was concern regarding the added Open Space – through public (schools) or private ownership of conservancy areas. Consensus of the Commission to revise the Plan to state "Zoning of Conservancy areas is a protection but the greatest protection is the acquisition of the property". This concern will be discussed at the next Commission meeting.

New Library; Review of potential site locations - The Library Board will be meeting on January 30, 2002 to discuss the location of the new library. Consensus of the Commission for Director Mark Schroeder to present the idea of locating the library at the Sciano property.

New Berlin Hills Golf Course Streambank Stabilization Project Design - This project would involve design services for stabilizing the streambank of the tributary of the Root River within the New Berlin Golf Course. The stream is experiencing bank instability, down cutting and in stream and down stream sedimentation. In November 2001, the City was made aware of the Municipal Flood Control Grant Program that includes as eligible grant projects the riparian restoration projects such as streambank stabilization. The grant provides for 70% of total eligible costs of both design and construction. The application deadline was December 31, 2001 with a project timeline of March 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. With the assistance of Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik and Associates and the city engineering department a grant application was submitted and a resolution approved by City Council on January 8th. The Commission was presented with a proposal from Brian Lennie of Bonestroo to perform the design services for this project. Sources of funding for this design work include the grant, if awarded, the Golf Course Reserve Account and potentially the Stormwater Utility Fund. The Golf Course Committee reviewed this project on November 14th 2001 with a positive recommendation to move forward with a design contract.

Motion by Commissioner Rick Kocchi to approve Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik, and Associates' proposal for the scope of services for the streambank stabilization of a navigable water tributary to the Root River within the New Berlin Hills Golf Course. Seconded by Commissioner Paul Gihring. Motion carried with Commissioner Alderman Gallagher voting no.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2002

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Rick Kocchi to adjourn at 10 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Nancy Duff and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bowers for

Tony Mescher, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission

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