

Minutes

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, July 15, 2002

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, Nancy Duff, Paul Gihring, James Gradel, Larry Kilmer, Vern Radtke, and Council Representative Paul Gallagher.

Also Present: Mayor Wysocki, Ken Dretzka of the Wisconsin Off Road Bike Association, Director of Streets, Parks and Recreation Mark Schroeder and Administrative Coordinator Cheryl Bowers.

Excused: Rick Kocchi

Consensus of the Commissioners to move to the discussion on the Park and Open Space Plan of the Updates and Concerns to accommodate the visitors present.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

Mark Schroeder reported that the Park and Open Space Plan was referred back to the Plan Commission by the Common Council. Following the approval of the plan, the Plan Commission will recommend to the Common Council to approve the Park and Open Space Plan at the next Council Meeting. The Council will need to approve the Plan by a resolution.

MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Gallagher to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of May 20, 2002. Seconded by Commissioner Radtke and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the May 2002 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$39,159.76 and the June 2002 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$17,504.50. They also reviewed the copies of the May and June Revenues and Expenditures. Mark Schroeder reported that Park account 591.221.02 reflected a negative balance due to the unexpected and unbudgeted Storm Water Utility invoices. After a brief discussion, motion by Commissioner Gallagher to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Commissioner Gradel 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 Christel stated that the Commission is made up of citizen volunteers that worked many hours on the Park and Open Space Plan, which is a plan to guide the City on future parks, trails, and conservancy areas.

PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT: No Report

Consensus of the Commissioners to move to the discussion on the Malone Park Bike Trails of the Director's Report to accommodate the visitors present.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Malone Park Bike Trails – Review & Recommendation on Proposed Trail Development : On June 25th a tour of Malone Park and the proposed bike trails was held with interested residents, Park Commissioners, City Staff, and Ken Dretzka from the Wisconsin Off Road Bike Club in attendance. Based on review of all information it would be staff's recommendation to develop hiking trails at this site, and plan and construct Mountain Bike Trails at Quarry Park in the future.

Ken Dretzka of the Wisconsin Off Road Bike Association stated his group has over 400 metro-area members in his organization and the group would provide maintenance of the trails. Both the Boy Scouts and the New Berlin Police Department are also interested in using the mountain bike trails.

It was by consensus of the Commission to allow resident comments. Annie Dubats of 3900 South Calhoun Road, stated she was concerned about vandals and wanted a 100 ft. buffer between the park and her property. Vern Bently of 3450 South Johnson Road stated the paths will allow easy access to the neighboring yards. Ricca Voboril of 4000 South Calhoun Road inquired how a volunteer group can be held accountable for maintenance of the Malone Trails.

Motion by Commissioner Gallagher to deny proposal of Mountain Bike Trails in Malone Park. Seconded by Commissioner Gradel. Motion carries with Commissioners Gihring, Bedwell and Radtke voting no.

Mark Schroeder thanked Mr. Dretzka for his professionalism and the neighbors for their cooperation.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

ProHealth Care Park - Currently Bonestroo is continuing work on design plans and construction documents for Phase I Construction. The permit process has been started with the DNR and ACOE to allow for grading of the park site. Staff will also be working with the DNR on the Butler Garter Snake preservation plan and the impact this may have on site development. The Commissioners received preliminary recommendations on the Snake Habitat Planning as prepared by Gary Casper, Herpetologist with the Milwaukee Public Museum.

Quarry Park - A Design Charette/Public Informational Meeting was held from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting. Staff from Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik & Associates facilitated the process. The input and ideas generated by the public will be put together in a summary by Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik & Associates and presented to the Commission at a future date along with a draft park conceptual plan.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Buena Park Storm water Facility - This item came before the Commission in September 2000. The City had conducted a feasibility study regarding development of a regional storm water facility in Buena Park to address flooding problems in the area. The study presented five options, from eliminating the 25-acre park to saving as much of the park as possible. The commission made a motion to retain at least eight acres of Buena Park as a neighborhood park when the pond is created. This item was recently discussed at the May 21st Storm Water Committee Meeting and engineering staff was directed to submit a grant application for the project.

Mark Handzlik, City Storm Water Engineer, presented the Commission with an overview and update on the project. The proposed pond, created for storm water retention, would take up 10 acres of the 25 acre park, leaving mostly wetlands. Retention ponds NP-1 AND CP-5 RFPs were done together. If CP-5 takes all the flooding, Buena Park would not be needed. A consultant will be needed for the design process for evaluation and potential storage capacity. The study for the ponds will begin before the end of this year.

Mayor Wysocki stated it is uncertain what the consultant will recommend. The City is confident that combining NP-2 and CP-5 will reduce the pond size at Buena Park.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Committee Appointments – Chairman Christel appointed the following Commissioners to the Park and Recreation Commission Committees:

Plan Committee – Bill Christel, Paul Gihring* and Jim Gradel

Parks and Facilities Committee – Chuck Bedwell*, Paul Gallagher, Larry Kilmer and Vern Radtke

Recreation Committee – Nancy Duff* and Rick Kocchi

(*) indicates chairman

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Gallagher to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Duff and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bowers for

Nancy Duff, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission

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