

Minutes

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Monday, December 16, 2002

The work session of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 5:05 p.m. at New Berlin City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Chairman Bill Christel, Commissioners; Nancy Duff arrived at 5:10 PM, Paul Gihring, James Gradel, Larry Kilmer, Rick Kocchi, and Council Representative Paul Gallagher.

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

Excused: Chuck Bedwell and Vern Radtke

WORK SESSION:

Chairman Christel stated the Park and Open Space Plan is a guide for the City and must be in place to be able to apply for DNR grants.

The Commissioners each stated their priorities which were then placed in order of the top 10 priorities.

Priority Commissioners' Choice

1. Complete Trail System 6
2. Open Space – Passive 6
3. Continue Work on ProHealth Care Park 6
4. Nature Center 2
5. Active Play Areas – Diamonds 4
6. Malone Park Addition 7
7. Teen Center/Activities 5
8. Additional Picnic Shelters & Restrooms 5
9. Quarry Park Development & Hiking Trails 7
10. Aquatic Center 6
11. Maintenance at Current Parks 5
12. Frisbee Golf at Quarry Park 1
13. Revenue Generators 1
14. Acquire Critical Species Habitat 3
15. Acquire Additional Land at Kelly Lake Park 2
16. Develop Kelly Lake Park 3
17. Develop Rustic Ridge Neighborhood Park 3
18. Lions Park Addition – Restrooms and Shelters 1

19. Community Park in Northwest New Berlin 2
20. Acquire Neighborhood Parks where needed 3
21. Community Center 2
22. Combine City & School Fields 1
23. Skateboard Facility at Lions Park 1
24. Develop a Dog Park 1
25. Development of Deer Creek Sanctuary & Stormy Acres 1

Commissioners' Top 10 Priorities

(More than one item on number priorities indicates a tie)

1. Malone Park Addition
 - Quarry Park Development
2. Trail System
 - Additional Passive/Open Space
 - ProHealth Care Park Development
 - Aquatic Center
3. Teen Activity Center or Community Center
 - Additional Park Facilities (shelters & restrooms)
 - Maintenance on existing Facilities
4. Additional Athletic Areas and Facilities

Alderman Gallagher stated the Council's greatest concerns were trails or sidepaths, maintenance of the trails such as snowplowing and accessibility to the trails with a police cruiser. Alderman Gallagher was informed the trails discussed in the Plan were park trails not sidepaths and would have the same maintenance and access as the current trails in existing parks such as Calhoun and Valley View. The trails are not plowed and are not wide enough for a police cruiser. Commissioner Gallagher left at 6:40 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Gradel to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. and resume the discussion during the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Kilmer and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bowers for
Nancy Duff, Secretary

Parks and Recreation Commission

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