

# Park & Recreation Commission



## Minutes

### NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, February 26, 2001

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 7:00 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office.

Present: Chairman Bill Christel, Commissioners; Chuck Bedwell, Nancy Duff, Paul Gihring, James Gradel, Tony Mescher, and Council Representative Dave Patzer.

Also Present: Director of Streets, Parks and Recreation Paul Leuthold and Office Coordinator Cheryl Bowers.

Excused: Rick Kocchi and Ralph Schroeder

#### MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Bedwell to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of February 26, 2001 as amended under the Proposal from Northern Environmental under the Director's Report. Seconded by Commissioner Mescher and carried unanimously.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

The NBAA informed the Parks and Recreation Department and the Commission of their new web address of [www.nbaasports.com](http://www.nbaasports.com).

Mr. Leuthold reported that the Public Sites and Open Space Account has a 2000 year ending balance of \$851,975.18. This balance includes contributions from developers and interest earnings along with expenditures from park developments and improvements.

The Commission was reminded of the Annual Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner which is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Ridge Cinema. All Commissioners were encouraged to attend and Mr. Leuthold thanked all the Commissioners for their dedicated service.

#### BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the January 2001 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$4,029.58. They also reviewed the copies of the January Revenues and Expenditures. After a brief discussion, motion by Commissioner Gihring to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Commissioner Duff 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 informed the Commission on current items the Plan Commission is working on. The Stealth Flag Pole will be 80' and located behind the old Jumbo Sports. Chapter 17 & 18 of the Growth Development Plan will be presented to the Common Council on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> for approval. New Berlin Auto Body is requesting a second level be added to their building. A Holiday Inn Express & Suites is planned for location on Beloit Road near Beloit and Moorland.

## **UPDATES AND CONCERNS:**

Park and Open Space Plan - The SEWRPC representative we had been working with on the Plan has departed from SEWRPC. They are in the process of hiring someone new and, hopefully, will have the first three chapters completed by the end of March.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Final 2000 Budget – The department returned \$13,229 unspent expenditures to the City. Revenues for 2000 were \$4,265 lower than anticipated mainly due to the closed pool at Eisenhower High School.

The Streets Department was over spent by \$20,861 with revenues \$12,456 higher than anticipated. FEMA has announced that the City may be eligible for reimbursement of the expenses from the December snowstorms. If the grant is awarded, the reimbursement would be deposited in the City General Fund.

Naming of the Neighborhood Park located in the High Grove Subdivision – The new park will be completed in the Spring of 2001. The Commissioners were distributed the "Suggested Policy Guideline for Naming Public Parks" approved October 13, 1987. Motion by Commissioner Patzer to name the park in High Grove Subdivision "High Grove" Park. Seconded by Commissioner Mescher and carried unanimously.

Snow removal obligations for the Parks Division – Mr. Leuthold reported on the land use totals along sidepaths as requested by Commissioner Patzer. There is almost an even division between residential and commercial properties along National Avenue. However, there is a majority of residential properties on Greenfield Avenue.

Skating rink construction cost for 2001 – The cost estimate for the ice rink is \$10,000. This includes the water barrier, heating units, lighting costs, lumber, and installation for paneling for the picnic shelter to be used as a warming shelter. The labor would be provided by the Parks workers.

Request from the Police Department for use of Malone Park for Police Softball League - The Police Department belongs to a league that would like to use Malone Park on Tuesday mornings. These games would be played at 9 AM, 10 AM and possibly 11 AM. They would use two diamonds for 14 weeks. Motion by Commissioner Mescher to approve the use of Malone Park by the Police Department League. The League will be required to follow the rules and rates as established by the Field Use Guidelines. Seconded by Commissioner Patzer and approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Commissioner Patzer to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bedwell and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bowers for

Tony Mescher, Secretary  
Parks and Recreation Commission

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