



Minutes

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, March 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, Rick Kocchi, Tony Mescher, and Ralph Schroeder.

Also Present: Ray Brown, Member of the Board of Directors of the Fountain Square Condominiums Association, Director of Streets, Parks and Recreation Paul Leuthold and Office Coordinator Cheryl Bowers.

Excused: Council Representative Dave Patzer.

MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Bedwell to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of February 26, 2001. Seconded by Commissioner Gradel and carried unanimously with Rick Kocchi and Ralph Schroeder voting present.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Consensus of the Commissioners to move to the Proposal for Engineering Services to design ProHealth Care Park of the Director's Report to accommodate Ray Brown of the Fountain Square Condominiums Association. Mr. Brown expressed the Association's concerns on the community garden that a developer working on the site has stated will be a part of ProHealth Care Park. The Commission and Mr. Leuthold informed Mr. Brown that there are no plans for a community garden proposed for this site. Mr. Leuthold and his staff will research this further.

Mr. Leuthold presented the plans for ProHealth Care Park as prepared by the Engineering and Architecture firm of Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik & Associates. The plan included baseball fields, football fields, play areas, a parking area, and a retention pond.

Motion by Commissioner Kocchi to approve the ProHealth Care Park plan proposal from Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik & Associates as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Mescher and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

An Easter Brunch will be available at the New Berlin Hills Clubhouse on April 15. Reservations are required and seating will be at 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM.

The 2000 Annual Streets, Parks and Recreation Report was distributed to the Commissioners. Mr. Leuthold commended Mrs. Bowers for putting this project together.

Memo from Ald. Kaminski in response to Mr. Leuthold's concerns from the public, program participants, coaches and seasonal employees regarding dogs and dog waste in the parks. Ald. Kaminski understood if the Commission needs to revisit this issue in the future.

Anne Veit, an Associate of Marketing and Development for WISPARK, has notified the department that Westridge Business Park no longer contains any vacant lots. WISPARK LLC is currently working on the formation of an Owner's Association for Westridge Business Park. In

conjunction with the formation of the Association, WISPARK would like to deed the outlot east of Moorland Road to the City of New Berlin.

The Commissioners were reminded of the City Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner schedule for March 29th at the Ridge Theater.

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the February 2001 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$30,135.66. They also reviewed the copies of the February Revenues and Expenditures. After a brief discussion, motion by Commissioner Mescher to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Commissioner Schroeder and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Representative – In the absence of Ald. Patzer, Mr. Leuthold reported there will be Well studies at Gatewood and Johnson Quarry Parks. Mr. Leuthold was informed that when the studies are completed, the commission would be notified prior to action by the Common Council. The results of these Well studies and the possibility of water reservoirs in these parks is on the next Council agenda for discussion and action without prior Commission notification, approval or recommendations.

Recreation Program Committee – No Report

Parks and Facilities Committee – No Report

Planning Committee – No Report

Golf Course Committee – No Report

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

On March 5, 2001, The Plan Commission has approved the development of the City Center. The FCC has informed the City that communication towers must be placed every two miles throughout the City.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

Park and Open Space Plan - No new progress at this time.

High Grove Park Shelter - Materials have been ordered and MSOE students will erect the shelter when the materials are available.

Update on storm water retention at New Berlin Hills Golf Course - A meeting with MMSD was conducted on 3/20. They have revised the amount of storage that will be requested. They will be compiling another map, based on our discussion, to determine if anything is possible. This is a low priority with MMSD at this time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Request from WEPCO to obtain an easement to install a transformer on park property – WEPCO has installed a transformer on City parkland south of 147th Street. WEPCO apologized for not obtaining the proper permits or permission but is now asking for a public easement to place above ground and buried infrastructure within the easement area abutting south 147th Street. Mr. Leuthold reported this would not effect the park.

Motion by Commissioner Schroeder to recommend to the Common Council to approve the public utilities easement with Wisconsin Electric Power Company, agent, for a shared public easement on City Park lands located north of the new senior housing project site on Parcel Key #1208.995.005. Motion fails for lack of a second. The Commission had a lengthy discussion regarding the Commission not being informed of public easements and utilities being placed in the park system.

Motion by Commissioner Schroeder to recommend to the Common Council to approve the public utilities easement with Wisconsin Electric Power Company, agent, for a shared public

easement on City Park lands located north of the new senior housing project site on Parcel Key #1208.995.005. It should be noted that the transformer was installed without permission or permits. Seconded by Commissioner Duff. Upon voting, Commissioners Schroeder, Duff, and Bedwell voted yes. Commissioner Gradel voted present. Commissioners Mescher, Gihring, and Kocchi voted no, which resulted in a tie vote. Chairman Christel voted yes. Motion carried.

Proposal to replace entry stairs at Hickory Grove Center – The Commission was presented with the Marvin Mews Co., Inc. proposal \$7,000 for the step repairs. Mr. Leuthold and Parks Supervisor Dave Jeske do not feel the steps are a safety hazard. The cost for the step repairs will be placed in the 2002 Operations Budget.

Request by New Berlin Irish Baseball Club to utilize diamonds for summer baseball league – The Irish Baseball Club is requesting permission to use Malone Park for their league. Mr. Leuthold reported the diamonds are available.

Motion by Commissioner Gradel to approve the use of Malone Park by the New Berlin Irish Baseball Club. The League will be required to follow the rules and rates as established by the Field Use Guidelines. Seconded by Commissioner Gihring and approved unanimously.

Retention Pond in Malone Park, potential grant application – Mr. Leuthold will submit a grant for the retention Pond for Malone Park. The grant deadline is May 1, 2001. This permanent pond could be used as a picnic area, for remote control boats, and a fishing pier.

Utilization of Malone Park concession stand funds for skating rink construction - The cost for the Malone Park skating rink would be approximately \$20,000. The walkway lighting costs of \$7,800 is in the 2001 budget and the remainder funds needed will come from the Malone Park Concession Stand reserve account.

Motion by Commissioner Kocchi to proceed with the construction of the Malone Park ice-skating rink for the 2001 – 2002 season. The walkway lighting costs of \$7,800 is in the 2001 budget and the remainder funds needed will come from the Malone Park Concession Stand reserve account. Seconded by Commissioner Duff and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Leuthold mentioned the terms for Commissioners Kocchi and Schroeder expire on April 30, 2001. Commissioner Kocchi expressed his interest to Mayor Gatzke that he would like to continue to serve on the Commission. Commissioner Schroeder has submitted his resignation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Schroeder to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Gradel and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bowers for

Tony Mescher, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission

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