

Park & Recreation Commission



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 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, and Paul Gallagher

Also Present: Robbie Robertson of SEWRPC, Terry Lipchow, Tim Herrick, Gerald Katz, Recreation Supervisor Jon Stolz and Office Coordinator Cheryl Bowers.

Excused: Tony Mescher

Absent: Larry Kilmer

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Consensus of the Commissioners to move to the Director's Report to accommodate the visitors.

Terry Lipchow and Tim Herrick presented information on the Civil War reenactment Group. The group would like to present a program at Valley View Park for Memorial Day weekend 2002. It could be possible to have a twilight program with cannons. The west end of Valley View Park would be used with the great rolling hills and the amphitheater. The group would request the grass be mowed in late Fall so it would be easy to inspect in the Spring for the safety of the horses.

The City of Waukesha has had the reenactment program with a budget of \$17,000 but New Berlin's could be set-up on a much smaller scale to start with. The event could be scheduled from 9 AM to 5 PM or there could be a twilight battle at 9 PM. Mr. Lipchow and Mr. Herrick have already met with Mayor Wysocki. The Mayor will come to the next Commission Meeting to discuss the funding and the possibility of working with area Civic groups. The park will be left as it was when the reenactment group arrived and the surrounding neighbors will be notified prior to the event.

Consensus of the Commission to look into this event further and to schedule the Mayor next month to discuss the financial aspects of this event.

Mr. Gerald Katz of Shorewest Realty, presented information to the Commission regarding the property located at Calhoun & Coffee. The owner is interested in selling the 50 acres which is partially zoned C1 and C2. The asking price is \$600,000 and the owner will accept installments. Consensus to forward this information to the Community Development Department for discussion at a future meeting.

MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Kocchi to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of May 21, 2001. Seconded by Commissioner Gihring and carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Consensus of the Commissioners to move to the Director's Report to accommodate the visitors.

Robbie Robertson of SEWRPC reviewed Chapter V- Recommended Plan, with the

Commission. SEWRPC will send the revised previous chapters for the Plan Committee's review. After the full Commission has reviewed the Committee's changes, the revisions will be forwarded to SEWRPC. The remaining Summary has a target time in September or October. The Commission will be able to review the plan in November with SEWRPC. After the Commission approval, the plan will be sent to the Plan Commission for review, a public informational meeting will be held, and then it will be presented to the Common Council for final approval.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The New Berlin Ecology Association sent the Mayor, Council, Plan Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission concerns regarding staff zoning changes without approval from the Common Council. The Association wants staff reminded they do not have the authority to change or amend zoning districts or maps without Common Council Approval.

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the May 2001 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$28,299.75. They also reviewed the copies of the May Revenues and Expenditures. After a brief discussion, motion by Commissioner Kocchi to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Commissioner Gihring and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Representative – Alderman Gallagher reported the Council was working on the Jacobs Ridge Development.

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 a new director has been hired. Mark Schroeder is the Parks and Recreation Director in Germantown and will start in late July.

PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT:

Commissioner Gihring informed the Commission on current items the Plan Commission is working on. Commissioner Gihring had attended the Plan Commission meeting and voted but was later told that although Chapter 17 had been revised by the Plan Commission, it had not been approved by Council so his vote did not count. Chapter 17 has now been approved by the Council so Commissioner Gihring is now a legal member of the Plan Commission.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

High Grove Park now has the playground equipment installed and the picnic shelter will be erected by the Parks Department. The dedication will be scheduled in the Fall of 2001.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The New Berlin Woman's Club has sent in their annual lease payment of \$900 for the New Berlin Food Pantry at Hickory Grove Center. The five year lease expires on October 31, 2001. The current lease and operation agreement has been extended for the third time. Former Director Mr. Leuthold, recommended keeping the same lease and operation agreement with the annual rate remaining at \$900.

Motion by Commissioner Kocchi to extend the New Berlin Food Pantry lease to the New Berlin Woman's Club from 2001 to 2006. The updated lease and operational agreement will be reviewed by the City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Gihring and approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

Consensus of the Commissioners to have a very short Commission Meeting in July with the Plan Committee to remain to review the Park and Open Space Plan. The new director Mark Schroeder will be in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Duff to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Kocchi and carried unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bowers for
Tony Mescher, Secretary Parks and Recreation Commission**

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