

Minutes

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, January 24, 2000

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 7:05 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office.

Present: Chairman Bill Christel, Commissioners; Chuck Bedwell, Paul Gihring, Rick Kocchi, Tony Mescher, and Ralph Schroeder.

Also Present: Alderman Liz Kaminski, Glenn and Michelle Avery, Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Leuthold and Office Coordinator Cheryl Bowers.

Excused: Gregg Hallberg and Council Representative Dave Patzer

Absent: Peter Piotrowski

MINUTES:

Motion by Paul Gihring to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of November 22, 1999 as amended. Seconded by Rick Kocchi and carried unanimously.

Consensus of Commissioners to moved o the Director's Report item A) - Dogs in the Parks, to accommodate the visitors present.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Clarification of ordinance prohibiting dogs in parks - the Commissioners were given a survey of surrounding communities and their rules regarding dogs in their parks. Brookfield allows dogs in paved areas only and requires dogs to be leashed and owners to clean up after their pets. The New Berlin Police Department doesn't have concerns if the dogs are allowed in the parks as long as they are leashed. The motion for the March 22, 1999 was read into record "After a brief discussion, motion by Paul Gihring to allow dogs in the parks with a leash and must follow the accumulative waste ordinance. Seconded by Mike Porter and carried with Ralph Schroeder voting no." Signs will be posted allowing leashed dogs (including the fine amount if waste is not removed) in all the parks.

CORRESPONDENCE:

City Attorney Paul Reilly sent a memo informing the Commission that the State Budget Act has modified the makeup of Municipal Plan Commissions. The Plan Commission no longer must have the municipal engineer or chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission on the Commission. Consensus of the Commissioners was to have the chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission to remain on the Plan Commission.

The New Berlin Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Plan is almost complete. It has some minor typo corrections that need to be changed.

Pastor Niez of the Star of Bethlehem Church and School has requested the Commission allow his principal Mike Wichmann reserve the Malone picnic areas and gazebo for his daughter's June 3, 2000 prior to the February 7, 2000 picnic reservation day for New Berlin residents. Consensus of the Commissioners for Mr. Wichmann to wait along with the other residents for the first day of park reservations on February 7, 2000 .

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the November Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$41,897.99 and the December Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$72,472.94 . They also reviewed the copies of the November and December Revenues and Expenditures. The Commission was informed these were not the final 1999 totals. After a brief discussion, motion by Rick Kocchi to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Representative - Cheryl Bowers reported the Alderman Patzer wanted it stated in his absence that the New Berlin Hills Greens Fees were passed by the Common Council with Liz Kaminski voting no.

Recreation Program Committee - No Meeting

Parks and Facilities Committee - No Meeting

Planning Committee - The meeting was on December 28, 1999 to review and edit the Park & Open Space Plan survey that was prepared by the UW-Extension. The modified survey was returned to UW so they could proceed with a final draft. Motion by Ralph Schroeder to mail out the Park & Open Space Plan Survey as amended with a cover letter of explanation. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously.

Golf Course Committee - No Meeting

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Christel reported that the Growth & Development Committee is being dissolved since the City Center plans have been approved.

The Johnson Quarry reclamation plan has been tabled at the Plan Commission.

A Target Department Store has been approved at the northeast corner of Beloit Road and Moorland Road.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

A. Park Development in High Grove subdivision - The majority of the clearing and grubbing has been completed by the general contractor Berg Construction, Inc. Parks and Recreation crews have been clearing the area for trail access from Carrington Woods subdivision.

B. DNR Grant Notification for Acquisition of Land West of Johnson Gravel Quarry - The DNR has awarded New Berlin a grant toward the purchase of 63 acres west of Johnson Quarry. The owner requested to much per acre for the property so the Commission went the route of Bob Johnson with the Quarry and the Buffalo parcel. Consensus of the Commission for Mr. Leuthold to contact the DNR and inquire if the grant could be used for another purpose.

C. Johnson Quarry and Buffalo Parcel Acquisition - On December 22 the City closed on the property for the acquisition of Johnson Gravel Quarry and the Christopherson parcel (buffalo farm). On January 11 a meeting was conducted between the Engineering Consulting Firm (GAS) and the Johnsons to clarify the responsibilities that are included within the Quarry Reclamation Plan.

D. Hickory Grove Center Heat - This project is progressing but slower than anticipated. A completion date of January 24 has been mandated to the general contractor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Clarification of ordinance prohibiting dogs in parks - discussed earlier.

B. Acquisition of Weston's Antique Apple Orchard - Ken Weston originally approached the Commission with the idea of donating the property to the City. The Westons are now asking for a fee for the land to support the Westons living in the house on the property.

Motion by Ralph Schroeder to inform the Westons that the Parks & Recreation Commission is not interested in the acquisition of the Weston Antique Apple Orchard based on the conditions of the letter of December 10, 1999 from Congdon, Ward, and Walden, S.C. The Commission suggests contacting other interested parties such as the UW-Extension or one of the Historical Societies. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously.

C. Park and Open Space Plan (survey) update - discussed earlier.

D. Stormy Acres subdivision - land dedication - The 21.35 acre land dedication for a neighborhood park has been approved by the Plan Commission and the Common Council. Eight of the 21.35 acres is prime land.

E. Update -Review of Parks & Recreation Commission Municipal Coed 1.05(5) as it relates to the duties of the Commission - Bill Christel stated he has not received a response from the Mayor regarding his concerns.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

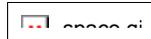
Motion by Paul Gihring to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by Ralph Schroeder and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Mescher, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission

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