



Minutes

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, February 28, 2000

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 7:03 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office.

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

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

Excused: Gregg Hallberg

Absent: Peter Piotrowski

MINUTES:

Motion by Paul Gihring to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of January 24, 2000. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously with Dave Patzer voting present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ken Weston of the Weston's Antique Apple Foundation, Inc. sent a correspondence stating the Weston Family would like to continue negotiations with the City. Mr. Weston would like the Commission to reconsider their position. The Commission was concerned about the cost to the City to maintain the orchard and the buildings.

Motion by Ralph Schroeder for Mr. Leuthold to contact Mr. Weston and relay the Commission is no longer interested in the property unless Mr. Weston presents a business plan to illustrate the orchard is run by the Foundation with no cost to the City. Seconded by Dave Patzer and carried with Paul Gihring voting no.

The final edition of the New Berlin Bicycle and pedestrian Facility Plan was presented to the Commission.

The New Berlin Soccer Club (Milwaukee Kickers) sent correspondence expressing their displeasure with the increase in athletic field use fees for 2000. The 1999 fees stated a \$50 refundable deposit with a \$5 per participant fee. The 2000 fees state a \$50 fee plus \$2 per participant per day fee.

Motion by Rick Kocchi for the 2000 athletic field use fees to remain as previously approved by the Commission. Seconded by Dave Patzer and carried unanimously.

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the January 2000 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$6,913.44. They also reviewed the copies of the January Revenues and Expenditures. After a brief discussion, motion by Paul Gihring to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Rick Kocchi and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Representative – Dave Patzer stated one of his 2000 Council goals was to acquire a second golf course in New Berlin. This premiere golf course would be located in the area of Racine Road near Swartz Road and Coffee Road. The land may be donated by Elaine Kraut and negotiations are being handled by the Mayor. Crown Golf is considering managing the course which would include the capital improvements.

Recreation Program Committee - None

Parks and Facilities Committee - None

Planning Committee - None

Golf Course Committee - None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Christel reported the Plan Commission is reviewing plans for a five story hotel at the location of Moorland Road and

Greenfield Avenue. The Commission is also reviewing a rezoning for Starline Trucking for paving an area for trucks at 184th and Lincoln. The Stormy Acres developer has donated a 21.35 acre parcel for a neighborhood park in the newly approved subdivision.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

Quarry Park development - two benchmarks have been established at the property. Efforts now will be directed towards a land use agreement with Phil Froemming (tower parcel) and possible acquisition of the Koch property.

Hickory Grove Center Heat - this project has been completed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. DNR Grant of acquisition of land west of Johnson Gravel Quarry – The DNR grant could be used for the acquisition of Central Ready Mix only. The owner is asking for \$11,000/acre for 63 acres for a total of \$693,000. The grant is for \$150,000, leaving a balance due by the City of \$543,000. Motion by Ralph Schroeder to end negotiations with Central Ready Mix and to apply for additional grants for other properties adjacent to Johnson Quarry. Seconded by Rick Kocchi and carried unanimously.
- B. Park & Open Space Plan (Survey) Update – The Commissioners were presented with the cover letter which will be sent along with the survey explaining the reason for the survey. A group of 3,000 randomly selected residents will receive the surveys. Consensus of the Commission to approve the draft letter with the revision of the completion date to be two weeks from the date received.
- C. Acquisition of Harmony Homes Property south of Malone Park – Harmony Homes has inquired if the Commission is interested in acquiring 5.5 acre parcel for \$430,000 located on Observatory and National Avenue (west end of Malone Park). Consensus of the Commission for Mr. Leuthold to contact Harmony Homes and state the Commission is not interested in the acquisition of this property.
- D. Gonzales Property Plat Review – An application for a 36 lot subdivision located near 138th and Beloit Road has been filed. Consensus of Commission for developer to donate 2 – 3 acre land in lieu of funds. The property will need an easement from the adjacent properties. Consensus of Commission for Mr. Leuthold to research possible properties for parkland.
- E. Request of Safety Commission to Limit Parking near Buena Park – The Safety Commission recommends limited parking along Coachlight Drive. The Safety Commission feels emergency vehicles will not have access to the road if parking is permitted on both sides of the street. Consensus of the Commission for Mr. Leuthold to respond to the Safety Commission that the limited parking will cause parking problems further down the road.
- F. Portable Concession Stand Rental Policy – The department has two portable concession stands that were donated. The stands could be rented out to organizations on a weekly or monthly basis. Consensus of the Commission for Mr. Leuthold to prepare and present a concession stand rental agreement.
- G. Baseball Diamond Shortage – New Berlin Independent Sports Club and the New Berlin Baseball need 90 ft. diamonds for youth teams. All private clubs with the exception of the adult league New Berlin Lakers pay for diamond use, however there are no

additional diamonds available to expand to 90 ft. bases. Eisenhower High School fields could possibly be used by these groups. Consensus of the Commission for Mr. Leuthold to contact Eisenhower High School.

- H. Mike Porter Recognition – Mike Porter has been a Commissioner for many years and the Commission would like to recognize his many years of service. Mr. Leuthold will contact Pat Clark at New Berlin Hills for acquiring a golf picture to be displayed at New Berlin Hills in honor of Mike Porter.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ralph Schroeder to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Seconded by Paul Gihring and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Mescher, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission

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