

Minutes

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, March 27, 2000

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 7:02 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office.

Present: Chairman Bill Christel, Commissioners; Chuck Bedwell, Paul Gihring, Gregg Hallberg, 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.

MINUTES:

Motion by Paul Gihring to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of February 28, 2000. Seconded by Ralph Schroeder and carried unanimously with Gregg Hallberg voting present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Commission was presented with the Public Sites and Open Space Account 5 year analysis plan. The ending balance for 1999 was \$923,810.67.

The Mayor will be appointing Paul Gihring for another three year term to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Jenny Johnson of the Mayor's office has requested Chairman Bill Christel to make appointments to Golf Course Committee and advise the Mayor.

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the February 2000 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$13,029.28. They also reviewed the copies of the February Revenues and Expenditures. After a brief discussion, motion by Paul Gihring to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Gregg Hallberg and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Representative – The Council will be honoring the High School Basketball Teams at the next Council Meeting.

Recreation Program Committee - None

Parks and Facilities Committee - None

Planning Committee - None

Golf Course Committee – The last meeting was held on March 23, 2000. The Committee discussed the expansion of the committee but any suggestions should be discussed by the Parks and Recreation Commission prior to any changes. The highest revenues earned from the golf course were from the 1999 season. The balance in the Golf Course Fund account ending 12/31/99 totals \$155,941.25.

Crown Golf reviewed the routing plan with Genese Golf. The 156 acres at \$140,000 would not

be a total donation, two additional properties would need to be purchased. A separate committee should be formed to put a RFP together and bids sent out or the routing and the contract for managing the golf course.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Mayor and Bill Christel are working on a replacement for Pete Piotrowski to the Commission. Stormy Acres' 21 acre park plan has been approved. The Gonzales property has been tabled at the Plan Commission.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. Park and Open Space Plan (survey) Update – The random sample survey labels were sent to UW-Extension and should be mailed by the end of April.
- B. Use of Barrett Landfill – The landfill is not owned by the DNR. Ownership remains titled to Barrett but it may be foreclosed on by Waukesha County for unpaid taxes. Therefore, the City will not be able to lease this property at this time for a dog run park.
- C. Table Tennis Club Update – Since December of 1998, the Table Tennis Club has paid \$1,689.00 in rent with 15 – 25 participants per week.
- D. Potential Park Site near Gonzales Property – The Plan Commission was informed that the Parks and Recreation Commission would prefer a donation of land for a neighborhood park in lieu of cash. Therefore, the Plan Commission has instructed Mr. Gonzales to inquire on the purchase of adjacent property for parkland.
- E. Baseball/softball Diamond Shortage – The VFW may be a solution to the diamond shortage, since the Parks and Recreation Department has people but a shortage of diamonds and the VFW has diamonds but not enough participants. Mr. Leuthold will be making a presentation at the VFW board meeting in April to discuss a possible solution. Consensus by the Commission for Mr. Leuthold to pursue with the VFW.
- F. Buena Park Lighting – Carriage Lane resident Phil Larkin has contacted Ald. Dave Patzer and has commented he feels Buena Park is unsafe and should have additional lighting on pathways and tennis courts. Currently there has not been any evidence of problems at the park. Motion by Ralph Schroeder to deny request for additional lighting at Buena Park. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Gregg Hallberg to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Seconded by Ralph Schroeder and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Mescher, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission

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