



Minutes

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 24, 2000

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 7:10 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office.

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

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

Excused: Rick Kocchi and Nancy Duff

Absent: Chuck Bedwell

WELCOME:

Bill Christel stated new Commissioner Nancy Duff was unable to attend but is very active in the community and will be an asset to the Commission. James Gradel has been appointed by the Mayor to the Commission and will be going before the Common Council at the April 25, 2000 meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The floor was open for nominations for Chairman of the Commission. Bill Christel was nominated by Dave Patzer and seconded by Tony Mescher. The floor closed for nominations. Motion by Dave Patzer to appoint Bill Christel as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously.

The floor was open for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Commission. Paul Gihring was nominated by Ralph Schroeder and seconded by Tony Mescher. The floor closed for nominations. Motion by Ralph Schroeder to appoint Paul Gihring as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously.

The floor was open for nominations for Secretary of the Commission. Tony Mescher was nominated by Ralph Schroeder and seconded by Paul Gihring. The floor closed for nominations. Motion by Ralph Schroeder to appoint Tony Mescher as Secretary. Seconded by Paul Gihring and carried unanimously.

The Committee appointments will be decided at the June meeting when the new Commissioners are all present.

MINUTES:

Motion by Paul Gihring to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of March 27, 2000. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Gregg Hallberg has resigned from the Commission due to personal reasons. Mr. Hallberg will need to be replaced on the Golf Course Committee.

The Commissioners were presented with the 1999 Annual Report of the New Berlin Parks and Recreation Department. The Commission expressed their appreciation to Paul Leuthold and Cheryl Bowers for a job well done in preparing the report.

The 10 year CIP forecast was distributed to the Commission. Due to the borrowing for the Club House belonging to a larger bond issue, the Club House bond can not be retired earlier than anticipated.

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the March 2000 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$80,323.82 which included new playground equipment. They also reviewed the copies of the March Revenues and Expenditures. After a brief discussion, motion by Tony Mescher to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Ralph Schroeder and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Representative – Ald. Patzer received a call from Mr. Larkin expressing his unhappiness with the Commission's decision not to install additional lighting at Buena Park.

Recreation Program Committee - None

Parks and Facilities Committee - None

Planning Committee - None

Golf Course Committee - None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Christel informed the Commission that the Plan Commission has not approved the back nine expansion of Deer Haven Golf Course on Cleveland Avenue. The Plan Commission has put the development on hold.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

Playground in Regal Park - The new playground apparatus in Regal Park has been erected.

Park and Open Space Survey - The introductory letter has been completed by UW-Extension and the surveys are being distributed at this time. SEWPRC has begun the update of the Park and Open Space Plan.

Golf Course Maintenance Building addition - The Architectural firm of Ehrlich, Genson & Associates has been retained to draft the plans for this addition.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. VFW Land Acquisition – Mr. Leuthold met with the Board of Directors of the VFW post in New Berlin. The board is interested the prospect of City taking over the softball diamonds. The boards greatest concern was compensating the softball coordinator that has invested at least \$15,000 in the concession stand. The coordinator has a one year lease with the VFW to run the softball leagues.

It is the consensus of the Commission that the land needs to be deeded to the City and the City will bring it up to City standards so it is playable next season. Along with the diamonds, the lights, bleachers, fencing and parking need work. The coordinator needs to be compensated for her investment. Mr. Leuthold was encouraged to continue the talks with the VFW.

- B. Request by Real Estate agent to acquire land on Calhoun Road - Elaine Goedde of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate has contacted the City regarding purchasing the 50 acre parcel located on Calhoun Road which is zoned C1, C2, and A1. The asking price is \$600,000. Consensus of the Commission for Mr. Leuthold to state there is no interest at this time to purchase the parcel.

- C. Disc Golf Course Accident in Menomonee Falls – A Menomonee Fall resident was awarded a settlement of \$570,000 due to a sledding accident that involved an injury from disc golf anchors that were not removed. Mr. Leuthold assured the Commission that New Berlin’s disc golf course is safe.

- D. Department Staff Changes – The Commission was informed that the department has lost Cindy Lefevre, a part-time clerk typist. Her husband has relocated to LaCrosse. The department has hired a new clerk-typist who is unable to start until the end of May. The staff will be working together to help one another during this very busy time.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on May 22 at New Berlin Hills to honor Mike Porter for his years of service to the City. The Commission will play 9 holes with a meeting to follow at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ralph Schroeder to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Gregg Hallberg and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Mescher, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission

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