

## Minutes

### NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, August 28, 2000

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman Paul Gihring at 7:05 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office.

Present: Commissioners; Chuck Bedwell, Nancy Duff, Paul Gihring, James Gradel, Tony Mescher, and Ralph Schroeder.

Also Present: Don Heckel from SEWRPC, Recreation Supervisor Jon Stolz, Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Leuthold and Office Coordinator Cheryl Bowers.

Excused: Bill Christel and Council Representative Dave Patzer.

Absent: Rick Kocchi

#### MINUTES:

Motion by Nancy Duff to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of June 26, 2000. Seconded by Chuck Bedwell and carried unanimously with Tony Mescher voting present.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Consensus of the Commissioners to move to the Park & Open Space Plan Update of the Director's Report to accommodate Don Heckel of SEWRPC.

Don Heckel of SEWRPC has been working closely with the New Berlin Director of Community Development Steve Hoese and the City Master Plan. Chapters One and Two of the Park and Open Space Plan were distributed to the Commissioners. Chapter One is an introduction with the recommendations of the Park and Open Space Plan adopted in 1995. Chapter Two contains updated information listing all parks and inventory findings. The Commissioners were asked to review these documents and to submit any changes or comments to Mr. Leuthold by September 15, 2000. Mr. Leuthold will forward these changes to Mr. Heckel. The new recommendations will be based on the UW Extension survey and Parks and Open Space Plan Standards.

Mr. Leuthold will meet with UW Extension on August 29<sup>th</sup> and will obtain a summary page. The summary page will be mailed to all the Commissioners for their review. Comments should be returned to Mr. Leuthold by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Heckel is expecting the Park and Open Space Plan to be completed by November 1, 2000.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carlson of 3955 S. Quimby Avenue are requesting a dog walk. Consensus of Commissioners to place letter on file for future reference.

Mr. Sam Diamantopoulos would like to sell land adjacent to Maple Ridge Park to the City. The Commission expressed there is no interest at this time to purchase the property.

Recreation Supervisor Jon Stolz expressed the problems caused by allowing dogs in the parks. The N.B.A.A. has complained of a considerable amount of dog feces on the soccer fields in Malone Park. Also, the softball coordinators have reported they are concerned with

the large crowds present during the softball games and the chances of dogs biting people. There already has been a situation of two dogs fighting. Mr. Stolz suggested that dogs no longer be allowed in the Park, dogs are not allowed in the park while park patrons are present, or dogs are only allowed along the outer roadway perimeter of the park.

Consensus of Commissioners to continue to allow dogs in the parks. After a lengthy discussion, motion by Ralph Schroeder to instruct Mr. Leuthold to post signs stating "No dogs allowed on athletic fields or in spectator areas". Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried with Jim Gradel abstaining.

Mr. Mickick of Mayflower Court would like the cottonwood trees in Regal Park removed because of the mess they cause. Mr. Leuthold stated the trees are healthy. Motion by Ralph Schroeder to deny Mickick request to remove cottonwood trees from Regal Park. Seconded by Jim Gradel and carried unanimously.

Robert Kugler of 17342 W. Cleveland Avenue requested a partial refund on his company picnic at Lions Park because the playground equipment was not installed for use at the time of his scheduled picnic. The existing equipment was removed because it did not meet current safety standards nor was it ADA accessible. The replacement equipment will be installed by the end of September. Consensus of Commission for Mr. Leuthold to send a letter of apology to Mr. Kugler for the inconvenience but the department is only trying to make improvements to the park. No refund was granted.

#### **BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The Commission reviewed the June 2000 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$31,053.73 and the July 2000 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$51,190.45. They also reviewed the copies of the June and July Revenues and Expenditures. Mr. Leuthold explained to the Commission that the Recreation revenues were lower than anticipated due to the closing of the Eisenhower High School pool. However, the expenses are lower than anticipated also due the pool. After a brief discussion, motion by Tony Mescher to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Nancy Duff and carried unanimously.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Council Representative - None

Recreation Program Committee - None

Parks and Facilities Committee - None

Planning Committee - None

Golf Course Committee - None

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** No Report

#### **UPDATES AND CONCERNS:**

Maple Ridge Park - The basketball court, playground apparatus, baseball backstop, and park sign have been installed. The foundation for the shelter is also completed and the shelter should be erected next week.

High Grove Park - The concrete apron and playground pad have been installed. The basketball court is installed and the baseball/open play area has been seeded. The limestone walkway has been repaired since the rain. The park should be completed this Fall.

Golf Course maintenance building addition - Planning Commission approved the project. Plans and Specifications are available at this time. The Bid Opening is scheduled for Sept. 14 with a project start date of October 9. Project completion is scheduled for November 17.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Request to eliminate diamond fees for New Berlin Independent Sports Club (NBISC) baseball in 2001 – Mr. Stolz reported the New Berlin Athletic Association (N.B.A.A.) offers a 10 game

format where everyone is allowed to participate but also offers participation in the Waukesha County league for a slightly higher competition level in which players need to qualify. This year, the NBAA wishes to switch from the County baseball league to the State baseball league because the County league no longer meets N.B.A.A.'s needs. This will place the N.B.A.A. in the same league as the NBISC. However, the NBISC must charge a higher fee to it's participants since it must pay for diamond use that the N.B.A.A. is not required to pay since it is an affiliate of the Parks & Recreation Dept. Therefore, the NBISC is requesting the diamond fees be waived or it may not be able to compete with N.B.A.A.'s lower registration fee.

Motion by Jim Gradel to deny waiving the diamond fees for the New Berlin Independent Sports Club (NBISC). Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried with Nancy Duff and Chuck Bedwell voting no.

Eisenhower High School swimming pool update – Mr. Stolz reported that the EHS pool was closed all Summer and will also be closed for the Fall season. This has an adverse effect on the community with no available time for aquatic programs or open swim. The school district was not very cooperative with informing the Parks and Recreation Department of the pool status nor coordinating the time New Berlin West High School pool would be available for the department program use. Since the high school swim team coaches decided not to practice together it limited the community use of the pool to late evenings and Saturdays. The school board has approved funds for the repair of the pool but the repairs are not anticipated to be completed until January.

Summer recreation programs - Mr. Stolz reported on recreation programs offered during the Summer. Except for the adverse effects of the closed pool, the Summer programs went well including some new programs. The Commission was concerned about low participation in new teen programs but Mr. Stolz stated he was encouraged because teens are a difficult age group to reach and word of mouth should increase enrollment.

2001 Budget update – Mr. Leuthold reported the Mayor has reduced the Streets, Parks and Recreation budgets by a total of 10%. The Mayor also added \$20,000 to the budget for trees on Greenfield Avenue for the area near Needham and Greenfield. The Commission felt the concerns of the residents on the reconstruction of Greenfield Avenue should be handled by the State since it is their project, not the City. The Mayor also increased the recreation revenue projection and instructed Mr. Stolz to find ways to increase the revenues.

Request by N.B.A.A. regarding Baseball diamond changes for 2001 season – The N.B.A.A. and the NBISC have requested 90 ft. diamonds for the 2001 season. The department should be able to meet these needs at the Buena Park diamonds and at the Valley View Park north diamond.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Ralph Schroeder to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bowers for

Tony Mescher, Secretary  
Parks and Recreation Commission

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