

Park & Recreation Commission



Minutes

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, September 25, 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; Nancy Duff, Paul Gihring, James Gradel, Rick Kocchi, Tony Mescher, and Ralph Schroeder.

Also Present: New Berlin Historical Society Representative Vera Stroud, New Berlin Landmarks Commission Chairman Joyce Salzmann, Alderperson Liz Kaminski, Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Leuthold and Office Coordinator Cheryl Bowers.

Excused: Council Representative Dave Patzer (arriving at 8:30 p.m.)

Absent: Chuck Bedwell

MINUTES:

Motion by Paul Gihring to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of August 28, 2000. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Consensus of Commission to move to Director's Report to accommodate visitors.

Request by Historic Commission to locate a new structure in Historic Park - Vera Stroud of the New Berlin Historical Society requested the Commission grant permission to move the Theodora Winton Youman childhood home to Historical Park. The cost to move and renovate the house would be financed through donations. The City would only be responsible for the maintenance after the house was moved, a basement dug, and restored by means of the donations. The placement of the house would be behind the Winton-Springle house and next to the Carriage house. The Historical Society will not proceed with the project unless the necessary \$35,000 is raised.

Motion by Ralph Schroeder to grant permission to move the Theodora Winton Youman home to Historical Park. Seconded by Nancy Duff and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Darrell Standish President of the NBAA has requested action against dogs in the parks. Motion by Paul Gihring to place additional "No dogs allowed on athletic fields or spectator areas" signs in Malone Park. Seconded by Jim Gradel and carried unanimously.

Mike Cascio, President of the Kelly Lakes Association has informed the Commission that the DNR has awarded a grant to the Association. The grant is for land acquisition needed for exchange for Kelly Lake Park in order to rejoin upper and lower Kelly Lakes. One of the parcels has already been purchased and the process of the other purchases is soon to be underway.

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the August 2000 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$25,334.06. They also reviewed the copies of the August Revenues and Expenditures. After a brief discussion, motion by Rick Kocchi to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Paul Gihring 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:

Bill Christel distributed the Landmarks Commission minutes for review.

Mr. Christel stated the Plan Commission has been receiving requests for communication towers. The demand is for a tower every 14 square miles. The Plan Commission is now becoming concerned with so many towers located in New Berlin. Mr. Leuthold suggested the part of the tower contract should include removal of the tower at the end of use. Mr. Christel will take this information back to the Plan Commission.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

Maple Ridge Park - The park has now been completed.

High Grove Park - The concrete apron and playground pad have been installed. The basketball court is installed and the baseball/open play and all other areas have been seeded. We may delay the erection of the playground apparatus until spring in an effort to allow grass areas to become established. Students from MSOE have been contacted regarding the construction of the shelter.

Lion's Park playground - The erection of the playground apparatus is progressing at a fairly slow pace. The inclement weather, in combination with a staff shortage is resulting in slow, but steady, progress.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Bid results: Golf Course Maintenance Building Addition – Mr. Leuthold presented his recommendation for the award of contract #P-1-00 for the construction of a 1,200 SF addition to the maintenance/storage building at New Berlin Hills Golf Course. The project funding will be obtained from the Golf Course Reserve Account 200.284.200.

Motion by Ralph Schroeder to recommend to the Common Council that the low bidder *Ray Stadler Construction, Inc.* be awarded the contract #P-1-00 for the construction of a 1,200 SF addition to the maintenance/storage building at New Berlin Hills Golf Course with the base bid of \$48,820. Seconded by Paul Gihring and carried unanimously.

Eisenhower High School swimming pool update – Lenny's Pool Service has been contracted by the New Berlin Public Schools to repair the swimming pool. The project completion is anticipated for late December or January.

2001 Budget – Mr. Leuthold informed the Commission the \$20,000 for the trees on Greenfield Avenue was removed by the Common Council during the budget sessions. The Council decided the landscaping is the responsibility of the State since it is a State project. The Engineering Department will be contacting the State regarding the landscaping.

Park and Open Space Plan Update – There were not many corrections or suggestions submitted by the Commission. SEWRPC wants the survey information in order to proceed. The Survey summary was received late this afternoon and will be forwarded to the

Commission for review.

Potential detention pond construction on Buena Park – Mr. Leuthold attended the meeting regarding the development feasibility study for the regional detention pond in Buena Park. There were five options presented, from eliminating the park for the detention pond to saving as much as the park as possible. The Engineering Department would like to save as much of the park as practical to eliminate as much flooding as possible. Consensus of Commission for Mr. Leuthold to draft a letter to City Engineer Jeff Chase to convey the Commissions desire to retain a portion of Buena Park as a Neighborhood park.

Motion by Nancy Duff to request City Engineer Jeff Chase to retain at least eight acres of Buena Park as a neighborhood park when the detention pond is created. Seconded by Jim Gradel and carried with Ralph Schroeder voting no.

Update on drainage project on park property east of Malone Park (former Sciano property) – The Engineering Department is working on improving the drainage on the property. A contract has gone out to bid to correct the drainage situation.

Update on State and Federal Park matching grant funds – The Federal government will again be offering matching land and conservation grants. New Berlin Hills and Malone Park were results of these grants. The federal grants were unavailable the last seven years but will be returning. The State matching grants for 2000 have been depleted but next year the funding will again be introduced under a new stewardship program. Deer Creek Sanctuary and Maple Ridge Park were matching State grants. The grants for 2001 will be for "nature based " projects only. This eliminates most municipal park areas.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Teach requested that the New Berlin Independent Sports Club (NBISC) diamond fees be eliminated. Aldermen Patzer and Kaminski spoke in favor of waiving the fees since the NBAA now offers the same product with select teams as the NBISC. Select teams require participants to try-out and the less talented are eliminated from play. After a lengthy discussion, motion by Ralph Schroeder to charge all programs with Select Teams for preparing the fields for play. These charges will be effective in 2001 under the current rates established. Seconded by Dave Patzer and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bowers for

Tony Mescher, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission

TM/cb

[Minutes & Agendas](#) ~ [City Buildings](#) ~ [City Phone Numbers](#) ~ [Polling Places](#) ~
[Boards & Commissions](#) ~ [City Government](#)



This page was last updated on 03/31/03.

[Home](#) ~ [City Departments](#) ~ [Agendas & Minutes](#)

Please email questions or suggestions to: [City of New Berlin](#)

City of New Berlin

3805 S. Casper Drive, New Berlin, Wisconsin, USA 53151-5097
(262) 786-8610

Links to external sites are provided for your convenience.

The City of New Berlin has no control over the format or content of any information found at non - City of New Berlin sites.

This site designed, implemented and hosted by [Chaney Systems, Inc.](#)
[Chaney Systems, Inc.](#) Copyright 1984 - 2000, Chaney Systems, Inc. All Rights Reserved.