

Park & Recreation Commission



Minutes

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, November 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, James Gradel, Rick Kocchi, Tony Mescher, Ralph Schroeder, and Council Representative Dave Patzer.

Also Present: New Berlin Hills Golf Course Manager Pat Clark, Director of Streets, Parks and Recreation Paul Leuthold and Office Coordinator Cheryl Bowers.

Excused: Nancy Duff and Paul Gihring

MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Schroeder to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of October 23, 2000. Seconded by Commissioner Jim Gradel and carried unanimously.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

2001 New Berlin Hills Golf Course Greens Fees – Pat Clark presented the Commission with the proposed 2001 greens fees for New Berlin Hills. The resident rates are lower than other courses and the non-resident rates are in line with the other courses. The new rates will allow New Berlin Hills to turn a profit while not turning away the market. 70% of play at New Berlin Hills is nonresident play.

Proposed New Berlin Hills Golf Course Greens Fees for 2001

WEEKDAYS	2000 FEES	2001 PROPOSED FEES
18 hole - Adult (Non Resident)	\$25.50	\$26.50
18 hole - Adult (Resident)	\$19.75	\$20.75
18 hole - Senior/Junior (Non Resident)	\$18.25	\$19.00
18 hole - Senior/Junior (Resident)	\$13.75	\$14.50
9 hole - Adult (Non Resident)	\$15.75	\$16.25
9 hole - Adult (Resident)	\$13.00	\$13.75
9 hole - Senior/Junior (Non Resident)	\$10.50	\$10.75
9 hole - Senior/Junior (Resident)	\$9.00	\$9.25

WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS	2000 FEES	2001 PROPOSED FEES
18 hole - Adult (Non Resident)	\$31.00	\$32.75
18 hole - Adult (Resident)	\$22.50	\$23.75
9 hole - Adult (Non Resident)	\$17.25	\$17.75
9 hole - Adult (Resident)	\$14.00	\$14.75

Motion by Commissioner Patzer to recommend to Council the 2001 Greens Fees for New Berlin Hills Golf

Course as recommended by the Golf Course Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Schroeder and carried unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE:

The NBISC would like to schedule a Girl's Fastpitch Softball Tournament at Malone and Calhoun Parks on Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24, 2001. This tournament will close the park to reserved picnic shelter use. Consensus of the Commissioners to approve the tournament.

Communication from Attorney Reilly regarding "Open Agenda" items – All items for discussion at the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings must be placed on the agenda and noticed prior to the discussion or it would be a violation of the Open Meetings Law. If a Commissioner would like an item discussed, he/she should contact Mr. Leuthold or Mrs. Bowers to have the item agendized.

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the October 2000 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$30,542.35. They also reviewed the copies of the October 2000 Revenues and Expenditures. After a brief discussion, motion by Commissioner Kocchi to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Commissioner Gradel and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Representative - Commissioner Patzer reported the rezoning for the Midwest Power plant has been approved by the Common Council. Aldermen Bullerman and Patzer are working together to create an ordinance to define the use of the \$750,000 annual payments to the City from Midwest Power. They would like to see \$500,000 of the annual payment be banked for 10 years to insure pay outs to residents if there should be any repairs needed to private wells due to the draw of water from the power plant. After 10 years, the \$5,000,000 could be spent by the City. Commissioner Patzer would like the Commissioners to bring suggestions to the next meeting on how the \$5,000,000 should be spent. The remaining yearly payment of \$250,000 could be spent annually on items such as a teen center, updating computers, and enhancing the City web site. Commissioner Patzer's report was presented as ideas for discussion and input by the Commission.

Recreation Program Committee - None

Parks and Facilities Committee - None

Planning Committee - None

Golf Course Committee – The Committee met on November 15, 2000. The 2001 Greens Fees were presented and recommended to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval. Mr. Clark presented the committee with several improvement projects such as dredging and cleaning the creek, reconfiguring the center golf tee on Hole #1, eliminating the standing water around the bridge on Hole #1. The Commission will be informed on the improvement progress.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Commissioner Christel reported on the progress of the Growth and Development Committee. The Codes should be updated by mid December.

Pro-Heath Care has donated 27.62 acres in lieu of payment near Sunny Slope Road and National Avenue north of Fieldpointe Drive.

Commissioner Christel requested that Alderman Patzer represent the Commission in requesting Midwest Power to donate flat land by the power plant for use as parkland.

The Landmarks Commission minutes are available on the City web site for any of the Commissioners that are interested. The Landmarks Commission been more active in recent years and has been doing a great job. Mrs. Bowers is working on a "City of New Berlin Designated Landmarks" display that will be mounted on the upper east entrance hallway of City Hall.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

High Grove Park - Additional concrete work has been completed. The grading, seeding and landscaping portion of this project has been completed. Playground proposals are currently being evaluated for Spring installation. MSOE students have met at the site to determine if they want to construct the shelter.

Golf Course Maintenance Building addition - Construction is almost complete. The wall panels were the wrong color and will be replaced within the next week. Asphalt work will be completed in Spring. Very worthwhile expenditure.

Sidepath Maintenance - Park personnel are now responsible for snow removal on various sidepaths located on National Ave. this will be a challenging mission for these employees.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

2001 Picnic Fees – Parks & Recreation Office Coordinator Cheryl Bowers reported on the proposed 2001 picnic fees. At the end of 1999, staff did an extensive comparison of the surrounding municipalities and the rates they charge to rent out their picnic shelters. It has been past practice to review these rates every two years. Therefore it was recommended to leave the 2001 picnic rates as established for the 2000 season by the Parks & Recreation Commissioners on November 23, 1999.

Mrs. Bowers also requested that effective on January 2, 2002, the reservations for the picnic sites for residents should start the first business day of the new year instead of the first Monday of February as previous practiced. This will allow additional time for planning events such as wedding receptions in the parks. Staff plans to notify residents of this change through hand-outs, the brochure, web site, and the City cable channel. The first Monday in May will remain the first day nonresidents may reserve a picnic shelter in order to give residents ample opportunity to reserve a site first.

Motion by Commissioner Patzer to have the picnic fees remain the same as approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission on November 23, 1999. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously.

Acquisition of property adjacent to Johnson Quarry for park use - Mr. Leuthold reported on the possible purchase of a 4.1 acre parcel located at 20901 West National Avenue, that is adjacent to the Johnson Quarry Park. Motion by Commissioner Schroeder to acquire a property appraisal and to move forward on the discussions on an "Option to Purchase" the Koch property at 20901 West National Avenue. Seconded by Commissioner Gradel and carried unanimously.

Johnson Quarry Update – Mr. Leuthold reported the grading has begun along with the construction of the pond. The ball diamonds should be in use by the 2002 season.

Park and Open Space Plan Update – The UW-Extension survey is not complete. The final report will be completed in the next two weeks. SEWPRC will also receive a final copy.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Schroeder to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Kocchi and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bowers for

Tony Mescher, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission

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