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# Park & Recreation Commission

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## Minutes

### NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, March 22, 1999

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 7:06 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office.

Present: Chairman Bill Christel, Commissioners; Jim Blake (arriving at 8:30 p.m.), Paul Gihring, Gregg Hallberg, Tony Mescher, Michael Porter, Ralph Schroeder, and Council Representative Dave Patzer.

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

Excused: Peter Piotrowski

#### MINUTES:

Motion by Paul Gihring to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of February 22, 1999. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mayoral appointments of Bill Christel, Tony Mescher, and Jim Blake will expire on April 30, 1999. Jim Blake will not be returning as a Commissioner, he is moving to New Hampshire

The Commissioners were distributed the 1998 Annual Parks and Recreation Report. Bill Christel congratulated Paul Leuthold and his staff for a job well done.

Corporate Capers will be sponsoring a softball tournament on May 15, 1999 to raise funds to contribute to Special Olympics.

#### BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the February 1999 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$11,682.69. They also reviewed the copies of the February Revenues and Expenditures. After a brief discussion, motion by Ald. Patzer to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Gregg Hallberg and carried unanimously.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Representative - Ald. Patzer stated the revenues from the Golf Course should remain in reserve to purchase additional golf courses and to support the CIP at the golf course. This would eliminate any burden to the taxpayers and he will support this at the Council level.

Recreation Program Committee - None

Parks and Facilities Committee - None

Planning Committee - None

Golf Course Committee - The following action took place on March 8, 1999 regarding the Lease agreement with Crown Golf; Motion by Gregg Hallberg seconded by Ray McInerney to recommend the new contract to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

The Grand Opening of the clubhouse has been scheduled for Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Pat Clark is working on the arrangements which will include a golf outing and appetizers. The committee submitted a recommendation to the Commission that the new clubhouse be named after former Parks and Recreation Director Gene Park for his contribution in the acquisition of the golf course. Consensus of the Commission for Mr. Leuthold to research the Commission policy regarding naming parks and amenities after persons.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Liz Kaminski is the Aldermanic representative to the Alternate Transportation Committee and Jim Blake is the Chairman and will be retiring. The committee is looking for members. Next month the committee will establish goals and objectives to provide pedestrian facilities (paths) to connect to schools and parks without using main roads.

The Plan Commission is working on a development request on the corner of Sunny Slope Road and National Avenue by Waukesha Medical Associates. This development would include park land that would satisfy a park in this area.

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

A. Golf Course Clubhouse - Progress is consistent. Scheduled opening for mid-April. Currently working on exterior lighting and grading plans.

B. Shelter/restroom Replacement at Malone Park - Progress is consistent. Interior work is now being completed. Vandalism to shelter will require additional investment.

C. Johnson Quarry - The City Attorney is working with Johnson's attorney regarding offer-to- purchase.

D. Park and Open Space Plan Update - The proposal from Pflum, Klausmeier & Gehrum Consultants, Inc. for updating our park plan consists of; review of the existing parks and open space related planning documents, coordination and consultation with the Commission and staff, revisions and updates of the Parks and Open Space goals and objectives, review of standards, needs assessment, and development of plan. The cost of this proposal is \$15,000 and will be accomplished in eight to twelve month period concurrent with the City Master Plan.

E. Hickory Grove Heating - A bid schedule has been compiled and the bid for steam to hot water conversion will be available in April.

F. Neighborhood Park Development - Development of the neighborhood park on the former Hlavinka property is progressing. There is some grading questions that are being addressed but the bid packet should be available in April or May.

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

A. Discussion about the renegotiated lease with Crown Golf Prosperities LP for the management of New Berlin Hills - The negotiated lease agreement was distributed to the Commission: the term of the lease would be extended to 2009. The Lessee shall; have a more equitable split of the annual profits, manage the rental of the clubhouse during the off season, increase liability insurance limits, replace the golf car fleet to 1999 models, invest \$60,000 in turf maintenance equipment, install two additional point of sale stations in the clubhouse, and landscape the new clubhouse. The rationale for these changes will benefit both Crown Golf Properties LP and the City of New Berlin.

Motion by Ralph Schroeder to recommend to Council approval of the Lease between the City of New Berlin and Crown Golf Properties with the golf carts replaced every four years. Seconded by Mike Porter and carried unanimously.

B. Dogs In Parks - Residents have requested dogs be permitted in parks. Currently, some parks have signs posted "No Dogs Allowed" other parks have no signs. After a brief discussion, motion by Paul Gihring to allow dogs in the parks with a leash and must follow the accumulative waste ordinance. Seconded by Mike Porter and carried with Ralph Schroeder voting no. Signs will be posted (including the fine amount) in all the parks. Mr. Leuthold was requested to review the fine and request an increase if necessary.

C. Central Ready Mixed Concrete Property Acquisition - **Closed Session**

The items to be discussed in Closed Session are as enumerated in Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

"Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session."

Motion by Paul Gihring to go into Closed Session. Seconded by Ald. Patzer and carried unanimously.

Motion by Paul Gihring to go into **Open Session**. Seconded by Ralph Schroeder and carried unanimously.

Motion by Ralph Schroeder to authorized Mr. Leuthold to approach Central Ready Mixed Concrete and present the same offer as was submitted to the Buffalo Farm. Seconded by Jim Blake and carried unanimously.

D. Goose Problems in Park Areas - If the problem is ignored, it will get worse. Jim Blake recommended Dave Jeske (Parks Supervisor) monitor the progress at Wilson Park in their attempt to curb the Goose problem. "Do Not Feed the Geese" signs should be placed at the ponds. Mr. Leuthold should approach the "New Berlin Citizen" about educating the public on the harm caused by feeding the geese.

Motion by Jim Blake to place "Do Not Feed the Geese" signs by the ponds, Park staff to monitor the progress at Wilson Park, and place an educational article in the "New Berlin Citizen". Seconded by Mike Porter and carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Jim Blake to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Mike Porter and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Blake, Secretary  
Parks and Recreation Commission

JEB/cb

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