

# Park & Recreation Commission

## Minutes

### NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 26, 1999

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 7:04 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office.

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

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

Excused: Gregg Hallberg and Peter Piotrowski

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Paul Gihring nominated Bill Christel as Commission Chairman. Motion by Jim Blake to close nominations and to elect Bill Christel by unanimous consent. Seconded by Paul Gihring and carried unanimously.

Ralph Schroeder nominated Paul Gihring as Commission Vice-Chairman. Motion by Ralph Schroeder to close nominations and to elect Paul Gihring by unanimous consent. Seconded by Jim Blake and carried unanimously.

Ralph Schroeder nominated Tony Mescher as Commission Secretary. Motion by Jim Blake to close nominations and to elect Tony Mescher by unanimous consent. Seconded by Paul Gihring and carried unanimously.

Chairman Bill Christel announced Gregg Hallberg has agreed to serve on the Golf Course Committee for another year. Mr. Christel will appoint Commission Committees next month when the new Commissioner is on board.

#### MINUTES:

Motion by Jim Blake to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of March 22, 1999. Seconded by Paul Gihring and carried unanimously.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

A preliminary Draft of "A Lake Protection Plan for the Kelly Lakes" was prepared by SEWRPC. It was presented to the Commissioners for their review. The plan is just a draft and has not be approved by the Kelly Lake Association.

Fifth grade teacher, Linda Hilts on behalf of the staff and students of Calhoun School, have requested the Commission dedicate an area of Deer Creek Sanctuary to honor retiring Principal Michael Porter. Motion by Dave Patzer for Mr. Leuthold to research an area at Deer Creek Sanctuary to honor Mr. Porter. Seconded by Ralph Schroeder and carried unanimously.

#### BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the March 1999 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$19,529.45. They also reviewed the copies of the March Revenues and Expenditures. After a brief discussion, motion by Jim Blake to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Mike Porter and carried unanimously.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Representative - Ald. Patzer toured the flooded areas of Prospect Parkway with Mayor Gatzke and Director of

Public Works Hamid Hashemizadeh. Parks and Recreation Department and DPW need to work together to remove debris from the waterways.

Goals need to be established for the new Park and Open Space Plan. The Commission needs to decide if the future of New Berlin should include more golf courses, community parks vs. neighborhood parks, etc.

Recreation Program Committee - None

Parks and Facilities Committee - None

Planning Committee - None

Golf Course Committee - The Committee met on April 7 to discuss the Grand Opening of the new Clubhouse. The Clubhouse is now open to the public and the Grand Opening is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>. Landscaping needs to be completed, the pro-shop needs to be removed, and a new open shelter will be erected where the golf carts will be stored. The Open House will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. The City Official ceremony will be at 12:15 p.m. Invitations are being sent out which will include information about a 9 hole golf outing for \$25.00 per person which will include a \$5.00 donation to the NBAA.

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

At the April 15 Plan Commission Meeting, the Plan Commissioners met the Planning Consultant team which will work with the Plan Commission on the Growth Development Management Plan. Some of the positive things the Plan Commissioners sited in the Community were the golf course, view from Prospect Hill, and Deer Creek Sanctuary. The Commission meets on the first and third Monday of the month. In the future, the first monthly meeting will deal with Plan Commission issues, on the third Monday, the Commission will concentrate on the Master Plan.

The Alternative Transportation Committee is working on alternative transportation lanes which are pedestrian facilities lanes. The Roosevelt Lane link trail is now completed.

**UPDATES AND CONCERNS:** None

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

A. Proposal by Pflum, Klausmeier & Gehrum Consultants, Inc. to complete a new Park & Open Space Plan in coordination with the completion of the City Master Plan - The Commission needs to decide what the future in parks and open space should be for the City of New Berlin. Should there be community parks vs. neighborhood parks, soccer fields vs. football fields, designated areas for parks and open spaces, etc. The consultant firm will not make recommendations for the Commission.

Consensus of the Commission for Mr. Leuthold to draft a letter to Pflum, Klausmeier & Gehrum Consultants, Inc. and request what the final deliverable will be for the Park & Open Space Plan. Mr. Leuthold will send the Commissioners a draft for their review. The Plan Committee will meet to discuss the draft and the possibility of requesting the Common Council form a long term Citizen Ad Hoc Committee.

B. Steam to hot water conversion at Hickory Grove Center - The bid opening is scheduled for April 27 at 10:00 a.m.

C. Grant application for Central Ready Mixed Concrete property - The grant is completed and will be submitted later this week to the DNR.

D. Neighborhood Park development on former Hlavinka Property - The bid opening is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>.

E. Goose problems in park areas - "Do not feed the Geese" signs were posted at Lions Park Pond.

### **BUSINESS:**

Due to the problems associated with the Landmarks Commission, by consensus the Commission requested the City Clerk give an "Open Meetings" presentation at the May Commission Meeting.

Mr. Leuthold reported that Casper Drive will be closed for reconstruction and Civic Drive will be torn up for installation of a storm sewer. After the reconstruction of Casper Drive is completed, Civic Drive will be closed for reconstruction. Malone Park will be accessible but will be a mess all summer.

The Sciano property has drainage problems due to the newly constructed Utility building and the neighbors of the Utility building are complaining about drainage problems in their yard. DPW claims it is a park problem and Mr. Leuthold

should deal with the drainage problems. Consensus of the Commission for Mr. Leuthold to present this situation to the Committee of the Whole.

The dedication of a picture in honor of Ron Pierce's many years of service to the Parks and Recreation Committee will be presented at the June Commission meeting at the New Berlin Hills Golf Course.

Bill Christel welcomed Chuck Bedwell as the new Commissioner. Mr. Bedwell mentioned he has lived in New Berlin nearly all his life. He has been involved with the NBAA as a coach for 14 years. One of his goals as a Commissioner will be to work with the schools to insure use of the ball diamonds.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

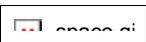
Motion by Jim Blake to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by Dave Patzer and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Blake, Secretary  
Parks and Recreation Commission

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