

Park & Recreation Commission

Minutes

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, October 25, 1999

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Bill Christel at 7:01 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office.

Present: Chairman Bill Christel, Commissioners; Chuck Bedwell, Paul Gihring, Rick Kocchi, Tony Mescher, Ralph Schroeder, and Council Representative Dave Patzer.

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

Excused: Gregg Hallberg

Absent: Peter Piotrowski

MINUTES:

Motion by Tony Mescher to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of September 27, 1999 as revised. Seconded by Ralph Schroeder and carried unanimously with Chuck Bedwell voting present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Request from Gerald Morearty of 18470 West Michaels Road, New Berlin, for the Commission to consider naming the new acquired Johnson Quarry park Rathke Park after the former New Berlin Mayor. Mr. Morearty's suggestion will be kept on file for consideration when the park naming project occurs.

The Commissioners were invited to the Annual Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner which is scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 2000.

Bob and Judy Carlson of 3955 South Quimby Avenue, New Berlin are requesting the Commissioners consider creating a Dog Run Park. Consensus of Commissioners for Mr. Leuthold to contact the DNR to see if Barrett Landfill could be used as a Dog Run.

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the September 1999 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$32,171.90. They also reviewed the copies of the September Revenues and Expenditures. After a brief discussion, motion by Paul Gihring to approve these financial documents. Seconded by Rick Kocchi and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Representative - Alderman Patzer reported he would like Mr. LeRoy Lange, former member of the Parks & Recreation Commission and a founder of the N.B.A.A. be recognized for his years of service to the youth of the City of New Berlin.

Recreation Program Committee - None

Parks and Facilities Committee - None

Planning Committee - None

Golf Course Committee - None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

A draft of the New Berlin Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Plan was presented to the Plan Commission. Former Committee member and Parks & Recreation Commissioner Jim Blake should be honored for the work and time he put in this project. Consensus of the Commissioners for Cheryl Bowers obtain a copy of the Plan from the Planning Department and to send it to Mr. Blake.

Mr. Christel reported the Municipal Code pertaining to the involvement of the Plan Commission with the development of the parks has arisen. City Attorney Paul Reilly has issued his opinion that if both the Plan Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission should be involved in the acquisition and the development of the parks then the code should remain as it currently states. If only the Parks & Recreation Commission should be involved in the development aspect of the parks the code needs to be changed. Discussion by the Commissioners resulted in the request that this item be placed on the November Agenda for discussion and action.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

Bridge Replacement at Prospect Parkway - The existing bridge has been removed and erection of the new bridge will take place over the next few weeks.

Contract for heating system conversion at Hickory Grove Center -There has been a number of delays with this project but it should be completed by the third week in October.

Park Development in High Grove subdivision - The Common Council and Plan Commission approved the project and a pre-construction meeting was held on Tuesday Oct. 19 with Berg Construction, Inc.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Request by neighbor to erect a fence around a portion of Maple Ridge Park - Sam Diamantopoulos of 13251 West Coldspring Road would like the City to erect a fence around Maple Ridge Park adjacent to his property to prevent children from climbing in his apple trees or trespassing on his property. Motion by Alderman Patzer to deny the request of Mr. Diamantopoulos for the City to erect a fence on his property adjacent to Maple Ridge Park to prevent children from trespassing. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously.

B. Request by neighbor to sell a portion of property for Maple Ridge Park - Mr. Diamantopoulos would also like the City to consider purchasing this three acre parcel to eliminate his concerns. Consensus of the Commissioners for Mr. Leuthold to obtain a price for this parcel.

C. Park & Open Space - Dave Williams and Dwayne Faust of the UW-Extension will be working on the Parks & Recreation survey and should have a draft completed by November 1, 1999.

D. Request to obtain Weston's Antique Apple Orchard - The annual meeting of the Weston Antique Apple Orchard Foundation is scheduled for Saturday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. and is located at Mr. Weston's home at 5470 South Overland Drive, New Berlin. All the Commissioners were encouraged to attend for information and to have their questions and concerns answered on the possible acquisition of the Orchard.

E. Progress on Johnson Quarry Acquisition - The awarding of the Reclamation Plan contract to Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer and Associates Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$24,000 will be presented to the Common Council at their next meeting.

F. Athletic Field Use Guidelines - Brief discussion by Mr. Leuthold on the staff revised guidelines for athletic field uses. Motion by Ralph Schroeder to approve the Athletic Field Use Guidelines as presented. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Paul Gihring to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Chuck Bedwell and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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