

Minutes

NEW BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, November 23, 1999

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

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

Also Present: Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Leuthold.

Absent: Peter Piotrowski

MINUTES:

The October 1999 minutes were reviewed and a clarification of the spelling of former Mayor Earl Rathke's name was identified. Motion by Tony Mescher to approve the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of October 25, 1999 as revised. Seconded by Chuck Bedwell and carried unanimously with Gregg Hallberg voting present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from City Attorney Reilly indicating his opinion that the City should not become involved with the Barrett Landfill as a dog walking park because of liability concerns.

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

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the October 1999 Expenditure Detail in the amount of \$15,036.26. They also reviewed the copies of the October Revenues and Expenditures Report. After brief discussion, motion by Rick Kocchi to approve these documents. Seconded by Greg Hallberg and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alderman Patzer indicated that Star of Bethlehem School would like to have Casper Drive rerouted in an effort to allow children to safely utilize their grounds. He displayed maps of the two options that were created by the City Engineering Department. These options include:

1. Rerouting Casper Drive westward through the recycling center to Calhoun Road. This would allow Parks and Recreation to develop the area for park use. The problem is that this road would be considered an Urban Section Roadway and have considerable traffic which may result in a safety hazard. The cost for this option is \$513,000 which would need to be paid by the City.
2. Extend Casper drive west and then north so it intersects with Coffee Road. The benefit of this option is that the cost of the roadway would be borne by potential developer of the property.

Alderman Patzer indicated that the Board of Public Works would like a recommendation from the Park and Recreation Commission. After discussion it was moved by Rick Kocchi to do nothing at this time. Seconded by Ralph Schroeder and carried unanimously.

Recreation Program Committee - None

Park and Facilities Committee - None

Planning Committee - None

Golf Course Committee - Minutes from the Golf Course Committee meeting of Monday October 25, 1999 were reviewed. The Golf Course Advisory Committee recommended proposed 2000 Greens Fees at New Berlin Hills Golf Course. After discussion and review of 1999 Greens Fee Comparison at Area Golf Courses it was moved by Rick Kocchi, seconded by Gregg Hallberg to recommend to Common Council the following greens fees for 2000.

	NEW BERLIN CITY RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
weekday - 9 holes	13.00	15.75
weekday 18 holes	19.75	25.50
weekend - 9 holes	14.00	17.25
weekend 18 -holes	22.50	31.00
Jr/Sr weekday - 9 holes	9.00	10.50
Jr/SR weekday - 18 holes	13.75	18.25

Golf Car Rental
9 holes \$7.75 per person
holes \$13.50 per person

Motion Carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The GDMP continues to meet on a monthly basis. Current focus is on the codes and ordinances sections, using the ad hoc group to gather comments/concerns and critique.

UPDATES AND CONCERNS:

Bridge Replacement at Prospect Parkway - The new bridge has been replaced with assistance from MSOE students.

Park Development in High Grove subdivision - The project has begun and clearing and grubbing is being completed by the general contractor Berg Construction, Inc.

WPRA Awards - At the recent Parks and Recreation Conference the City received two awards:

1. Silver Star Award for innovative recreation programming. Jon Stolz won a Silver Star for his program "Computer Database Applications" in the Administrative Category.
2. Facility Design Award- The Department won the Award of Honor for the NB Hills Golf Course Clubhouse project.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Steam to Hot Water Conversion at Hickory Grove Center - South Wing. Following completion of the north wing it was revealed that the piping to the South Wing (Sr. Citizens) is seriously rusted, leaking and needed to be replaced immediately. Since there was already a Mechanical Contractor and Mechanical Consultant contracted for the north wing, a contract was signed to complete the south wing at a cost of \$37,000. Leuthold will make a presentation at the November 23 COW meeting to request that funding be made available from contingency.

B. The Commission reviewed an "Offer To Purchase" 8.14 acres of property adjacent to Quarry Park from Cal Christopherson at a price of \$48,924. After review it was moved by Ralph Schroeder and seconded by Paul Gihring to recommend to Common Council the acquisition of this parcel from the Public Sites and Open Space Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Park user fees for 2000 - An analysis of Park User Fees was reviewed. After discussion, it was moved by Paul Gihring and seconded by Rick Kocchi to adopt the following fees for 2000:

Party Size	Resident Fee/Deposit	Resident Total	Non-Resident Fee/Deposit	Non-resident Total
0-75	50.00/30.00	80.00	68.00/40.00	108.00
76-150	65.00/30.00	95.00	88.00/40.00	128.00

151-199	90.00/30.00	120.00	122.00/40.00	162.00
200 - up	200.00/30.00	230.00	270.00/40.00	310.00

Picnic Kit fees were established at \$10.00 with a \$10.00 refundable deposit.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Acquisition of Weston Apple Orchard - Commissioners discussed the information that was disseminated at the November 13 meeting of the Weston Antique Apple Orchard Foundation. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Paul Gihring seconded by Ralph Schroeder to establish a Apple Orchard Subcommittee consisting of Tony Mescher, Ralph Schroeder and Paul Gihring to work with the Weston's and the Foundation on this project. Ralph Schroeder will serve as Chairman of the Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Mr. Diamantoupoulis, who lives just west of Maple Ridge Park indicated that he would be willing to sell three acres of his property to the City for Park expansion at a fee of \$50,000 per acre. The Commission discussion indicated little to no interest in acquiring this property at this pricing level.

F. Park and Open Space Plan - A draft of the survey which was completed by UWEX was disseminated to all Commissioners. They are instructed to review the draft, make any suggestions and then return the draft to Paul Leuthold by December 3. Leuthold will compile the recommendations and produce a new draft copy for review.

G. Review of Municipal Code 1.05 (5) as it relates to the duties of the Commission. Motion by Rick Kocchi to have Chairman Bill Christel draft a letter to the Mayor and Common Council to clarify the roles of both the Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Seconded by Tony Mescher and carried unanimously. The letter should state that the New Berlin Parks and Recreation Commission is assigned to manage and develop parks and should not be required to have additional approval by the Planning Commission once the land has been acquired and rezoned by the Plan Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Paul Gihring to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Chuck Bedwell and carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Mescher, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission

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