

City of Lake Geneva
Board of Park Commissioners – Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2011

The Board of Park Commissioners met on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at City Hall at 6:30PM. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by President Doug Skates. DPW Dan Winkler read the roll.

Members Present:

President Skates, Lynn Hassler, Ald. Al Kupsik, John Swanson, Mayor Jim Connors, and late was Dave Quickel.

Members Absent:

Barb Hartigan and Pat Schroeder.

Staff Present:

DPW Dan Winkler, Administrator Dennis Jordan.

Public Present:

Ald. Bill Mott, Richard Steinberg, Peggy Schneider, Ryan Harris, Sara Oldhouson, Greg Odden, Augie Fleer, and Lisa Seiser.

Public Input:

None.

Minutes of the Special April 20, 2011 Meeting:

The minutes were approved 5-0 on a motion by Hassler and second by Swanson.

Permits:

Skates read two additional dates requested by the Chamber of Commerce for use of Flat Iron Park. They were June 26, 2011 and June 30, 2011. The dates were approved 5-0 on a motion by Swanson and second by Hassler.

The PowWow at Dunn Field was requested for June 16th through June 19th at Dunn Field. The request with usual considerations was approved 5-0 on a motion by Swanson and second by Kupsik.

New Business:

Eagle Scout Project at Veterans Park-Scout Augie Fleer presented his Eagle Scout project at Veterans Park which included work to the storage garage, posts at the Lion's Den building, and at Softball Field #5. Mr. Odden explained the request in more detail. After much discussion regarding repairing and staining the garage building siding instead of vinyl siding it and staining the Lion's Den posts but painting the new base shoes white, the request was approved 6-0 on a motion by Swanson and second by Hassler. A final plan and schedule is to be brought back to the next Park Commission meeting as work would not begin until after school lets out.

Beautification Committee Offer to Landscape the Terrace Behind Softball Field #5- Winkler spoke on behalf of the Committee regarding the proposal funded 100% by the non-profit organization. It was explained that Mr. Crothers of the Grand Geneva would develop a plan for final approval. Alderman Mott said he would personally maintain the landscaping. The donation was approved 6-0 on a motion by Swanson and second by Kupsik with a plan to be submitted for final approval prior to the installation.

Sign Rehabilitation at Donian Park-Skates explained he, Winkler and Mrs. Clara Jacobs met to look at the Badger High installed sign on Main Street. The problem was that the plaques either side with names of donors on small plates need replacement. He also said Jacobs had some donation funds to purchase new display boxes and that the small name plates probably all need to be redone. It was moved by Quickel to approve the offer to repair/replace the display boards with donated funds and ask Mr. Winkler to bring back next month with what will be installed. The motion was seconded by Kupsik and approved 6-0.

Nomination for Secretary of the Commission-Skates said that with the change in Council that we need a secretary. There were no volunteers and with two possible vacancies on the Commission to be filled in the next month, it was moved by Skates to table this item until next month. The motion was seconded by Hassler and approved 6-0.

Old Business:

Skate Park Presentation Candidate Discussion/Selection-There was much discussion regarding the interviews of the three firms. Opinions were solicited by President Skates. Quickel liked all presenters but was concerned for location and suggested the YMCA for security reasons. He liked ASD. Swanson said he watched the presentation on TV and liked the precast elements and was concerned with cast-in-place concrete. Kupsik wished to keep the park in Dunn Field someplace and said we need to be concerned with how deep to dig. He liked the concept of having ASD develop the plans and specifications and having all builders bid the work. Swanson wished to see the road closed. Mayor Connors wished to see the park closer to the parking lot or where the tennis courts presently are. He thought ASD had the most innovative designs and to have them design and have the others bid. Jordan said that if the YMCA was to be seriously considered that the TIF may have to be amended. Mott said there used to be closed gates on the road to the well houses and that the YMCA location would result in some unhappy neighbors. Ryan Harris said the YMCA site would at least be secure. Skates said ASD impressed him and he liked Mike McIntyre's presentation and approach to the park. He would like to see 20% of the park built by the specialists and 80% using local concrete contractors. Skates did not think the tennis court site was large enough and he looked all over the City for something better than Dunn Field without success. Harris said the skateboarders liked ASD. Quickel said ASD was not big on precast elements. Mayor Connors said it was his impression that ASD can include precast elements if that is what we want. It was discussed that ASD charges an 8% rate based upon estimated construction costs. Quickel said that with project plans that perhaps we could solicit donors.

Kupsik moved to select ASD or the ASD/Who Skates team for development of the project design and bidding plans/specifications at an 8% design fee not-to-exceed \$30,000. The motion was seconded by Quickel and approved 6-0.

Dog Park-There was discussion regarding a site for the dog park. Dunn Field and locations of the former golf course were discussed as was parking and access to the area. Use of TIF funds for the improvements versus other park funds was further discussed. It was moved by Hassler to recommend to the Council the use of the old Hillmoor Golf Course 8th fairway for a dog park. The motion was seconded by Swanson and approved 6-0. The details of the project would be worked out once approval by the Council is granted.

Park Assignments/Repair Update:

Mayor Connors mentioned that the Donian Park Sign at Center Street appeared to have been vandalized and the top needs to be repaired. Swanson complimented the Street Department for repairing the bike trail fence along the trail by Curtis Street but indicated the silt fence along the trail needed to come out. Mott mentioned the bark chips at the line of trees by Veterans Park get kicked around and wondered if we had any better solution to the ongoing problem.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned 6-0 at 8:33 PM on a motion by Swanson and second by Hassler.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daniel S. Winkler, P.E.
Director of Public Works & Utilities
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