

City of Lake Geneva  
Board of Park Commissioners - Meeting Minutes  
June 2, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Chair Skates at 6:30 p.m.

Members present:

Chair Doug Skates, Council Liaison Alderman Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Barb Philipps, Pat Schroeder, John Swanson, Mayor Jim Connors

Members absent: Lynn Hassler, Dave Quickel

Also present: City Administrator Dennis Jordan, Dan Winkler, Ron Carstensen, Alderman Frank Marsala, Ed Yaeger, Greg Oden and family, Alderman Elyn Kehoe, Alderman Bill Mott, Mike Coolidge (YMCA)

Public Input:

Ed Yaeger expressed concern about water collecting over the service road on the east side of Dunn Field near the skateboard park; a catch basin was mentioned by staff as a possible solution.

Gail Gygax spoke about the location of a memorial for her late husband. Dan Winkler handed out maps of the two locations (Library Park and Donian Park) that might be good spots. Gail mentioned that there is a deed restriction on only on the section of land that the library sits on.

Dan Winkler returned with copies of the May minutes. Minutes from May 6, 2010, meeting approved unanimously on a motion by Philipps, second by Connors.

Alderman Kehoe noted the discussion from last month's minutes regarding recycling containers as an option near garbage cans in the parks. The issue and options will be discussed further at the July meeting.

Permits:

Chair Skates read a letter from Mrs. Carol Smith from the Geneva Lake Art Association with concerns about the Flat Iron Park Master Plan. The group's Art in the Park location has been approved for this year in Flat Iron Park. Staff was confident the items in the proposed plan would not interfere with the GLAA function.

A. Motion by Schroeder, second by Philips, to approve permit.

Place- Cobb Park

Date and Time – July 4, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For- family baby shower

Name- Doris Gauger

Estimated people #: 30

Fees- paid \$ 20 application, \$100 security deposit, and \$75 reservation.

Approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Park repairs/schedule-

Veteran's Park update – the Council awarded the bid to Humphrey's Contracting for the work on the infield of the softball field; City Council requested more bids for the work still to be done behind home plate.

Comments from new Commissioner Swanson- he was delighted to see that trees were replaced out in Veteran's Park; Swanson suggested the need to connect sidewalks along Park Street and between the diamonds to the development on the east; he was concerned about broken boards in the boardwalk and on seats in Four Seasons Nature Preserve; Swanson suggested mowing the dog park around the outside and diagonally through the center similar to what Linn Township does for its dog park; he asked for garbage cans along the Preserve trails, and was told by Carstensen that there should be 5 now located at the entrance and throughout. Swanson was very complimentary of the parks in the city especially the Nature Preserve.

**Commissioners are encouraged to walk through their assigned areas for maintenance or safety concerns.** Contact Dan Winkler or Ron Carstensen.

Railroad Park-

Paul Behrens donated to the Park Board of Commissioners, via Ed Yaeger, a copy his book titled *Steam Trains to Geneva Lake*. Another copy was also donated to the Historic Preservation Commission. Alderman Fesenmaier will send a thank you note on behalf of the commissioners.

Motion by Connors, second by Schroeder, to remove from the table the motion to have the City Attorney apprise the Commission regarding dedication of park land.

Unanimously carried.

Ed Yaeger presented a packet of information regarding the deed for Parcels 1 and 2 and minutes from a previous City Council regarding the negotiated prices for both parcels.

Motion by Fesenmaier, second by Swanson, to have the City Attorney apprise the Commission regarding dedication of park land.

Motion by Connors, second by Schroeder, to amend the motion by addition: to have the City Attorney *in writing* apprise the Commission *in general* regarding dedication of park land *not specific to any property*; amendment carried.

Roll call on amended main motion: yes votes – Connors, Schroeder, Swanson, Fesenmaier; no votes – Skates, Philipps. Motion carried.

Motion by Connors, second by Swanson, asking the City Attorney for a written explanation regarding the ownership of Parcel 1, Parcel 2, triangular piece labeled #499, the parcel labeled CSM 3121, and the northeast square parcel; unanimously carried.

Bird City, USA -

There were some concerns by the City Administrator regarding the authenticity of the program. Jordan emailed the Audubon Society and will contact the Fontana group for further information.

New Business:

YMCA presentation-

Mike Coolidge reported that the spring soccer season just finished.

Baseball and softball leagues have begun with T-ball beginning in mid-June.

There are 22 teams with over 450 kids involved. There is a men's softball league on Friday night, although there are concerns with possible alcohol use that should be referred to the police department.

The YMCA is looking at starting a co-ed softball team, flag football, and outdoor basketball leagues.

Granite memorial marker selection-

Winkler presented some options regarding fulfilling requests for memorial donations. No action was taken.

Nomination of Commission Vice-President -

Commission discussed waiting until the July meeting when more members might be present.

Motion by Philipps, second by Connors, to table the election of Vice-President; unanimously carried.

Consideration of Park Assignments-

Members were asked to contact Chair Skates for preferences regarding park assignments. Chair Skates will put together the list for presentation at the July meeting.

Other:

Winkler presented bids for tennis court repairs at Eastview and Maple Park. Motion by Connors, second by Skates, to approve the bid from Midwest Sealcoat, LLC, in Dodgeville for \$2,300 from TID#4 funds contingent upon favorable reference checks; unanimously carried.

Communication was received from Sarah Schuster for future consideration of a paddleboard event on Saturday, July 24, 2010. The event would run from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. The paddleboard race would begin from the beach area, and a tent with live music until 2:00 p.m. would be set up in the eastern section of Library Park bordering the beach. Commissioners had questions regarding the event. No permits were submitted.

Motion by Philipps, second by Schroeder, to adjourn at approximately 9:35 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Fesenmaier

City Council Alderman Dist. 2

**Next regular meeting: Wednesday, July 7, at 6:30 p.m.**