



Board of Park Commissioners

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MINUTES OF THE 6:00 PM OCTOBER 7, 2015 MEETING

City Hall 2nd Floor Room 2A

Call to Order:

The Board of Park Commissioners meeting was called to order by President Skates at 6:01 PM. Secretary Winkler read the roll.

Roll Call:

President Doug Skates ___X___, Lynn Hassler __excused___, Barb Hartigan _excused __, Peggy Schneider ___X __, Dave Quickel ___X___, John Swanson ___X __, Ald. Al Kupsik ___X __, Brian Olsen ___X ____, Mayor Jim Connors ___X___. (___7_ Total).

Staff & Aldermen Present:

DPW Daniel Winkler, Ald. Elizabeth Chappell, Streets Foreman Neil Waswo, Administrator Blaine Oborn.

Public Present:

Mr. Dan Massopust, Ms. Dusti Ocampo, Mrs. Gygax.

Approve the Minutes of the Prior Meeting:

It was moved by Mayor Connors to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting, and seconded by Commissioner John Swanson. The motion passed 7-0.

Public Input:

None.

Permits & Park Donations:

DATE August 7, 2016 1 PM to 4 PM LOCATION Library Park by the Veterans monument USE Olp Wedding

President Skates read the permit which included a request for 4 barricades. There was discussion on the use of the barricades to cordon off the area. It was moved by Ald. Kupsik to approve subject to clearing the date with any potential conflicts with Venetian Fest, and seconded by Commissioner Olsen. The motion passed 7-0.

Park Assignments/Repair Update/Maintenance:

Commissioner Swanson provided a list of items to Street Foreman Waswo. He also inquired as to replacement of dead trees in Veterans Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Adaptive playground discussion – Dusti Ocampo. (Item taken out of order first)

Ms. Ocampo discussed the community need for adaptive play equipment. She cited a \$15,000 project which included 2 swings, an adaptive swing, and matting material for access. She also suggested Veterans Park, which was concurred with by Administrator Oborn. The new \$1 million playground in Kenosha, Franklin, Elkhorn and Appleton were all discussed. The consensus was that this was a worthwhile project, Veterans Park was the likely location for a number of reasons, and President Skates noted the timing was perfect as the Park Commission just wrapped up its dog park project. Ald. Kupsik pointed to the Park Use and Open Space Plan of the City and said the City should follow it with a monetary commitment of \$15,000 to seed the project. After further discussion, it was moved by Mayor Connors and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to have staff look at opportunities at Veterans Park. DPW Winkler noted that we should go to Kenosha and assess its site requirements to determine the maximum area to set aside. The motion passed 7-0.

Sculptures in the parks discussion – Dan Massopust. (Item taken out of order second)

Mr. Massopust gave a slide show of several of his works including Mayo Clinic, mostly in bronze. There was discussion that Eau Claire, WI does art displays on both its streets and in its parks at no cost to the City. The City does buy the people's choice winner for \$10,000 even if it sells for much more. He said statutory bases are concrete or granite and have the ability to pick them up and relocate them. He would send an excel spreadsheet to DPW Winkler.

OLD BUSINESS

Art in the parks-Elizabeth Chappell.

Ald. Chappell gave a slide presentation on the status of her efforts to have art in the parks. It included a request to use Home Depot Park for the site, a list of members for the art review committee, forms modeled after Hopkins, MN to go to the City Attorney, a schedule for consideration of artists' proposals, and an April to April display period. She said she had 3 qualified artists for consideration and to launch the program and described their works. There was a question regarding involvement of the Park Commission membership on the review committee which Ald. Chappell said she would support. President Skates was concerned that the Park Commission needs to approve the artworks, and over the funding for the concrete bases. DPW Winkler was asked about the bases. He responded the most efficient and flexible means would be to cast slabs with lifting lugs so they can be set and moved. Cost would be less than \$3,000 for 3 slabs depending on size, and funding wasn't yet decided. Since the artwork is temporary, it wasn't determined if Plan Commission approval was required. Commissioner Quickel was concerned about the big picture if this takes off and future funding of numerous concrete pads. Commissioner Olsen thought the pads should be a standard size. It was moved by Mayor Connors and seconded by Ald. Kupsik to have staff work with Ald. Chappell on pad sizes and send a recommendation to the Council to set aside use of Home Depot Park for temporary art displays. The motion passed 7-0.

(This item needs to go to City Council and the City Attorney should look at it to make sure it doesn't need to go to Plan Commission)

Wind sculpture discussion – follow-up.

No discussion.

Parks Operating budget for 2016 discussion.

Commissioner Swanson said we should add benches and picnic tables around the skateboard park.

Park & Recreation intern staffing discussion–follow-up.

Ald. Kupsik explained the park intern was not approved through the budget committee review and the committee was pursuing a full-time street worker. Administrator Oborn said he would like to see a Park Director position as there appears to be a strong justification to address lakefront and parks under one manager.

Future Meeting Agenda Items-October 7, 2015 Meeting.

Items for next month include:

- Adaptive play equipment.
- 3-Graces Fountain repairs.
- Changing fees to rent the Brunk Pavilion.

ADJOURN:

It was moved by Mayor Connors and seconded by President Skates to adjourn.

The motion passed 7-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Set Next Meeting Date:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel S. Winkler
Secretary

If anyone finds any inaccuracies, errors or needs to adjust the minutes please call or email me prior to the next meeting.)