

City of Lake Geneva
Board of Park Commissioners - Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Chair Skates at 6:32 p.m.

Members present:

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

Members absent: Lynn Hassler

Also present: Alderman William Mott, Alderman Tom Hartz, Dennis Jordan, Dan Winkler, Paul Lewis, Linda Marasco, Carol Smith, Joe Peyer, Mike Coolidge, Ryan Harris, David Trapp, Sean Cardiff.

Minutes from September 1, 2010, meeting approved unanimously on a motion by Swanson, second by Philipps.

Public Input:

Paul Lewis from Boy Scout Troup #235 asked the Commissioners to support the application for park use for October 16.

Carol Smith, accompanied by Linda Marasco, both of the Geneva Lake Art Association, asked for support of their permit for the 2011 Art in the Park. Smith will approach the Police Chief for an official review of the 2010 event held in Flat Iron Park as they did receive positive responses from him regarding the change in venue. Smith felt the event was more successful due to vendor access and the location.

Commissioner Schroeder spoke regarding the 2011 Lake Geneva Marathon.

Ryan Harris advocated for the rehabilitation of the Skateboard Park in Dunn Field and offered his services and materials through Gateway to add metal fabricated pieces to the park for little or no cost. The concern was insurance/liability and meeting skateboard park standards.

Motion by Quickel, second by Schroeder, to suspend the rules to address Old Business-YMCA Update at this time. Unanimously carried.

Peyer spoke regarding a budget proposal for increased city funding for 2011 for new programs at the YMCA. Peyer stated that the YMCA is not opposed to separate resident and nonresident fees. Peyer realizes that the city may not be able to fund the increases for 2011 but wants the plan presented and will attend the budget hearing on Thursday, October 7, to speak.

Motion by Quickel, second by Philipps, to support budget plan from YMCA. Unanimously carried.

Permits:

- A. Motion by Quickel, second by Swanson, to approve permit.
Place- Library Park
Date and Time – May 7, 2011 from 5:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
For- 26th Annual Lake Geneva Marathon
Name- Pat Schroeder, Lake Geneva Sports

Estimated people #: 1000
Fees- paid \$ 20 application, \$300 security deposit, and \$105 reservation.
Special requests: extra garbage cans and electricity.
Approved unanimously.

B. Motion by Quickel, second by Philipps, to approve permit and waive fees.

Place- Dunn Field

Date and Time – October 16, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.;
rain date October 23, 2010

For- rocket launching contest

Name- Paul Lewis, Boy Scout Troup #235

Estimated people #: 80

Fees- paid \$ 20 application, \$0 security deposit, and \$0 reservation.

Special requests: power for loud speaker

Approved unanimously.

C. Motion by Quickel, second by Schroeder, to approve permit.

Place- Flat Iron Park

Date and Time – August 12-14, 2011 2:30-5:00 p.m. on Friday and 6:00 a.m.
Saturday through 5:00 p.m. Sunday

For- 31st Annual Art in the Park

Name- Carol Smith, Geneva Lake Art Association

Estimated people #: 5000

Fees- paid \$ 20 application, \$300 security deposit, and \$105 reservation.

Special request: will apply for a street permit to block off Center Street adjacent
to the park Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon for vendor
loading/unloading.

Approved unanimously.

Park Assignments and Repairs-

Commissioner Swanson provided a short report on suggested repairs. He also discussed purchasing and placing benches along the bike path that will extend along the new addition to north Edwards Boulevard.

Swanson also questioned the history and progress of the Flat Iron Park Master Plan. It was discussed last with a joint meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners but no official action was taken at that meeting.

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

Old Business:

Bird City, Wisconsin progress – the Council approved by resolution Migratory Bird Day for May 7, 2011, and City Administrator Jordan has now sent in the official application.

YMCA Update – see public input above

New Business:

Removal of fire barrel in Library Park-

The Tree Board discussed and supported removing the fire barrel at the west end of Library Park in hopes of using the space to plant trees. The Fire Department is supportive of the removal.

Motion by Connors, Quickel, to remove obsolete and unused fire barrel in Library Park and to offer the barrel to the Museum. Unanimously carried.

Permanent Memorial Ban in Library Park-

Mrs. Gygax could not be present for this meeting but plans to attend in November. Some commissioners were concerned about being locked into a permanent ban as something in the future might come forward that might be appropriate in that park.

No official action was taken.

Use of recycle containers in parks- Commissioners noted that a couple blue barrels have been placed in parks for recycling but need to be marked as such. Fesenmaier received information from Peg Esposito regarding a grant website (<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/weeb/>) for greening projects and community education. Item will be on the agenda next month for possible grant application.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Swanson, to adjourn at approximately 7:55 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Fesenmaier
City Council Alderman Dist. 2

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m.