

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

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Connors at 6:32 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Connors, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Lynn Hassler, Barb Philipps, Dave Quickel (6:45), Doug Skates

Also present: DPW Director Dan Winkler, City Administrator Dennis Jordan, Gail Gyax, J.P. Robson, Pat Solheim, Ed Yaeger, Terry O'Neill.

Member(s) absent: Pat Schroeder

Motion by Skates, second by Philipps, to approve April 14, 2010, meeting minutes.  
Approved unanimously.

Public Input:

Pat Solheim expressed concern about water availability for bathrooms, etc. at Veteran's Park. She also asked that the garbage and recycling be separated before collection.

Motion by Fesenmaier, second by Philipps, to nominate and elect Doug Skates as Chair of the Board of Park Commissioners. Unanimously carried. Other officer elections will be held next month.

PERMITS:

- A. Motion by Philipps, second by Hassler, to approve permit.  
Place- Library Park  
Date and Time – Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
For- Lake Geneva Hope Walk, cancer fundraiser  
Name- Carrie Swatek  
Estimated people #: 49  
Fees- \$20 application, \$50 security deposit, \$30 reservation.  
Special requests: permission for a concessions table to sell jewelry as part of the fundraising.  
*Chair Skates will check with the City Clerk regarding the need for a seller's permit.*  
Approved unanimously.
- B. Motion by Philipps, second by Hassler, to approve permit, and to collect the same fees as assessed for last year's event.  
Place- Dunn Field  
Date and Time – from noon June 17 to sundown June 20, 2010  
For – Honor the Firekeepers PowWow  
Name – Shoshanna Beroukas  
Fees – *to be determined*  
*Winkler will coordinate the se up of the event due to the new parking lot.*  
Approved unanimously.

- C. Motion by Hassler, second by Philipps, to approve permit, waiving fees.  
 Place –Seminary Park  
 Date and Time – on Wednesdays, June 9 through August 2010  
 from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  
 For – YMCA Yoga Class  
 Name – Joe Peyer  
 Estimated # - 6 – 20  
 Fees- \$20 application, \$0 security deposit, \$0 reservation.  
Approved unanimously.
- D. Place- Flat Iron Park  
 Date and Time – Saturday, July 2, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 For- wedding  
 Name- Michelle Johnstin  
 Estimated people #: 100  
 Fees- \$20 application, \$150 security deposit, \$125 reservation.  
*Chair Skates will contact the party regarding the date.*
- E. Motion by Quickel, second by Hassler, to approve permit, but limiting the hour to 10:00 p.m. (park closing time).  
 Place – Cobb Park  
 Date and Time – Friday, July 9, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
 For – graduation party  
 Name – Dan Chochola  
 Estimated people #: 35  
 Fees - \$20 application, \$30 security deposit, \$50 reservation.  
*Staff will contact the applicants regarding the time restriction.*  
Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Park Assignments- (see attached list)

**Walk through the areas for maintenance or safety concerns.** Contact Dan Winkler or Ron Carstensen.

Motion by Fesenmaier, second by Connors, to table until June. Unanimously carried.

*from April: Winkler will have 4 – 6 garbage cans placed around the Eastview parking lot along with picnic tables near equipment. Directions signs to parking lot will be located or ordered.*

*Tennis courts at Eastview need some repairs.*

*Fesenmaier asked if the baseball diamond at Rushwood Park could be worked on again this year as many neighborhood residents are indeed using this area.*

Skateboard Park Repair Update –  
Repairs on hold. Connors received an email regarding Club Skateboarding.

Jane Brandley Memorial Update –  
*Chair Skates will contact the Brandley family regarding their continued interest.*

Gygax Memorial Update-  
Gygax and Robson made comments regarding the proposed Gygax Memorial and its placement in Library Park.  
Motion by Fesenmaier, second by Quickel, to deny locating a memorial in Library Park.  
Commission was not opposed to a memorial, the location was a concern. The suggestion was to use Donian Park. Unanimously approved.

YMCA activities-  
*Chair Skates will invite Joe Peyer from the YMCA to attend June's meeting for an explanation of sponsored activities and an update.*

Veteran's Park baseball fields update-  
Winkler explained that bids were being accepted for work on softball field #5 which means it should be playable for summer.

Railroad Park/Preservation of Historic Land – per March 7, 2010 correspondence from Ed Yaeger  
Yaeger explained some of the history of the railroad in Lake Geneva dating back to the 1850's.  
Motion by Fesenmaier, second by Philipps, to have the City Attorney apprise the Commission regarding park dedication process. Motion passes with 1 no vote and 1 abstention.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

2010 Park Budget-  
No action. *Budget areas involving parks will be brought to June meeting.*

Motion by Hassler, second by Connors, to reconsider motion regarding park dedication process information from Old Business Item G. No discussion. Motion passes with 3 yes votes and 2 no votes.  
Quickel and Skates motion to table until June. Unanimously carried.

Bird City, U.S.A. –  
Motion by Quickel, second by Hassler, to have staff apply for Bird City U.S.A. status. Unanimously carried.

Citizen Volunteer Award-

In the June 3, 2009 minutes, the Commissioners asked that Mary Koutski receive special recognition from the mayor for her work with high school students to maintain and beautify Four Seasons Nature Preserve. Motion by Connors, second by Skates, to give special recognition to Mary Koutski for her volunteer efforts. Unanimously carried.

Donian Park Memorial Board –

The display board is in disrepair. Winkler will look into this.

Tree donation –

Motion by Quickel, second by Skates, to accept the memorial application from the family of Norman Blue. A maple tree and plaque will be placed on the west end of Library Park. Unanimously carried.

Motion by Hassler, second by Quickel, to adjourn at approximately 8:52 p.m. Approved unanimously.

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

**Next regular meeting: Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.**