

City of Lake Geneva
Board of Park Commissioners - Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Chair Skates at 6:36 p.m.

Members present:

Chair Doug Skates, Council Liaison Alderman Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Lynn Hassler, Dave Quickel, John Swanson

Members absent: Barb Philipps, Pat Schroeder

Also present: Alderman William Mott, Dan Winkler, Gail Gygax, Carol Smith, George Hennerley, Mike Coolidge and Joe Peyer.

Minutes from August 4, 2010, meeting approved unanimously on a motion by Swanson, second by Hassler.

Public Input:

Coolidge and Peyer presented current programs sponsored by the YMCA along with a wish list of future programs and a proposed budget which includes an increase to the City's budget. Dan Winkler will forward the budget proposal to Dennis Jordan for budget consideration.

Carol Smith, Geneva Lake Art Association, reported that Art in the Park went very well this year at its new location in Flat Iron Park. She commented that this park was flat, the parking stalls (paid for by the GLAA) were much more convenient to loading and unloading, and that the street therefore was only blocked off for a short period of time on Saturday morning and again Sunday evening all making the change to Flat Iron Park better for vendors, visitors, and residents. They did encourage parking at the Eastview lot. Smith asked about the possible changes due to Flat Iron Park Master Plan and was assured their group's layout can be accommodated. Next year's event will be August 13 and 14. Proper permits will be applied for soon.

Permits: None

Park Assignments and Repairs-

Commissioner Swanson provided a report on suggested repairs including the need to deal with the excess water over the service road near the Skateboard Park in Dunn Field and repairs and grooming at Four Season Nature Preserve.

Fesenmaier noted that additional fill and seed for the Rushwood Park baseball diamond would still be a good idea for better playability and safety.

Dan Winkler reported that the water fountains at Rushwood Park and Veteran's Park are broken, and the faucet will be budgeted to be replaced next year. He estimates that the entrance to the southeast parking lot at Veteran's Park will cost approximately \$1,500. The Commission in August approved a motion/recommendation to pursue the repair.

Fesenmaier reported that the tennis courts at Maple Park and Dunn Field are in good shape due to the crack fill repairs. Both courts are being used quite a bit. There was a suggestion that the parking lot by the basketball courts at Veteran's Park be "expanded" or the area squared off to create more parking. This will be on the list for spring work.

There is a "sidewalk to nowhere" behind Diamond 5 in Veteran's Park that needs to be completed to connect with the rest of the sidewalk and walking/biking path.

Winkler passed out a packet with budget proposals that will be submitted.

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

New Business:

Gygax Memorial – Although Mrs. Gygax still feels strongly that the memorial would be appropriate in Library Park, she is focusing on Donian Park and raising money/donations. She understands that the Commissioners received input from the community that NO memorials be placed in Library Park and asked that they formalize that through an ordinance change. Chair Skates will place the issue on the October meeting agenda.

Bird City, USA -

Administrator Jordan left a memo stating that the Bird City Wisconsin coordinator, Mr. Schwartz, indicated that a letter from the Lakeland Audubon Society describing the programs that the city will participate in will be acceptable for the application. Jordan will send in the completed application as soon as he receives the letter from the Audubon group.

Citizen Volunteer Award update – Mayor Connors will present the Citizen Service Award to Mrs. Koutski at the regular City Council meeting on September 13 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Skate Park repairs – Chair Skates will put together some quote information including cost on doing the repairs ourselves. Winkler says he will include the repair costs in the 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program list.

Historic Preservation Commission railroad heritage discussion –

After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to wait to hear from the Historic Preservation Commission regarding dedicating city land as park to highlight the historic railroad bridge and land used for a turntable (i.e. from the south end of the bridge to Sage Street).

New Business:

Chamber of Commerce Building Addition in Flat Iron Park – Mr. Hennerley was allowed to speak and brought a scale drawing of the proposed addition. He explained that the city owns a portion of the building along with the Chamber. Currently, the city pays the water bill, and the Chamber pays the heating and electricity. The building was originally built

pay for the work. It was asked what the Chamber would do if the expansion was denied. Hennerley replied that they would probably look for another location.

Motion by Quickel, second by Swanson, to recommend approval of the Chamber of Commerce building addition as presented as it was determined not to be detrimental to Flat Iron Park. Motion carries with one abstention.

Nomination of Commission Vice-President –

Motion by Skates, second by Swanson, to remove item from the table. Unanimously carried.

Motion by Skates, second by Hassler, to affirm Dave Quickel as Vice President of the Board of Park Commissioners. Unanimously carried.

Motion by Quickel, second by Hassler, to adjourn at approximately 8:50 p.m. Approved unanimously.

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

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