

City of Lake Geneva
Board of Park Commissioners - Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Chair Skates at 6:33 p.m.

Members present:

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

Members absent: None

Also present: Alderman William Mott, Dennis Jordan, Dan Winkler, Peg Esposito, Marques Brugger, Ryan Harris, Timothy Fesenmaier, Sean Cardiff, Andrew Hundley, Pat Solheim, Gail Gyax, Pamela Thomas, Robert Thomas.

Minutes from October 6, 2010, meeting approved unanimously on a motion by Philipps, second by Swanson.

Public Input:

Pamela Thomas asked for support for the park permit regarding Wreaths Across America.

Alderman Mott explained that the entrance to the small parking lot in Veteran's Park had been repaired yesterday, although some minor landscape work still needs to be done.

Gail Gyax will be coming forward with an application for her project to be done in Donian Park but she reserves the right to go before the City Council with her request for Library Park.

Pat Solheim will no longer be applying for use of the concession building in Veteran's Park; she will still be requesting a seller's permit for her mobile ice cream sales.

Commissioners thanked Pat for her service to the community.

Ryan Hall acted as spokesperson for the group of young gentlemen interested in helping the city upgrade the Skateboard Park in Dunn Field. Ryan believes the improvements can be accomplished with little or no cost to the city. Sean Cardiff put together a binder of photographs of the areas of concern that currently need to be addressed at the park. The group volunteered to remove the fence if the city so desired. Administrator Jordan mentioned that there is up to \$500,000 in the TIF#4 line item for this project. There will be a tour of the Skateboard Park next Tuesday, November 9, at 4:00 p.m. for further discussion of plans. The City Council will also be invited, along with the public, so the gathering will be noticed by the City Clerk.

Administrator Jordan mentioned that the International Bird Migratory Day celebration on May 22, 2011, for Bird City, Wisconsin, status needs a location. Four Seasons Nature Preserve was mentioned as a good location to further expose the public to that park.

Letter of Correspondence was received from Ed Yaeger regarding the Railroad Park proposal. He explains that a letter from the Chicago and North Western Railroad Company archivist confirmed that the turntable was 50 feet in diameter.

Permits:

- A. Motion by Quickel, second by Philipps, to approve permit.
Place- Seminary Park
Date and Time – June 1 - 4, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
For- Cheerleading camp
Name- Cristen Marzula, Universal Cheerleading Association
Estimated people #: 350
Fees- paid \$ 20 application, \$600 security deposit, and \$900 reservation.
Special requests: none
Approved unanimously.
- B. Motion by Swanson, second by Schroeder, to approve permit.
Place- Library Park (lake path to Williams Bay and back)
Date and Time – September 24, 2011
For- breast cancer fundraiser
Name- Carrie Swatek, Lake Geneva Hope Walk
Estimated people #: 40
Fees- paid \$ 20 application, \$50 security deposit, and \$30 reservation.
Special requests: permission for concession table for jewelry sales to benefit fundraiser.
Approved unanimously.
- C. No application in Park Board permit folder.
Place-
Date and Time – September 10, 2011
For- Lake Geneva Triathlon
Name- Pat Schroeder, Lake Geneva Sports
Estimated people #:
Fees-
No action was taken.
- D. Motion by Schroeder, second by Swanson, to approve permit and waive ALL fees.
Place- Library Park at the Veteran’s Memorial
Date and Time – Saturday, December 11, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. to noon
For- Wreath Across America (<http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/>)
Name- Pam Thomas, WALCO Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol
Estimated people #: 30 plus public
Fees- paid **\$ 0 application**, \$0 security deposit, and \$0 reservation.
Added note: wreath sponsorships are available; see website above for info.
Approved unanimously.

Park Assignments and Repairs-

Commissioner Swanson provided a short report on suggested repairs.
Gazebo in Flat Iron Park will be discussed at the November Public Works meeting.
Swanson asked about the history of the parks and about signs explaining the history.
Hassler again brought up her concerns about the angle of the sidewalk along the south side of Seminary Park. Will be discussed at November Public Works meeting.

Fesenmaier brought up that a citizen had questioned the Council at their meeting the possibility of keeping the walking paths cleared in the winter. There is a separate map of the paths that also delineates which paths are kept free of snow in the winter. This map can be posted in several locations on the city's website.

Alderman Mott brought up the issue of keeping lights on in Veteran's Park. The issue will be further discussed at the December Park Board 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:

None

New Business:

Discussion regarding "green projects" grants-

Peg Esposito gave further information regarding grants from WEEB (Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/weeb/>)) for greening projects and community education. Grants ranges from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and are due February 12, 2011. The Commissioners felt it was worthy of investigating and asked staff to pursue.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Hassler, to adjourn at approximately 8:07 p.m.

Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Fesenmaier

City Council Alderman Dist. 2

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m.