

Board of Park Commissioners' Minutes
Wednesday, February 1, 2017 – 6:02pm
City Hall, Meeting Room 2A

Roll Call: Present: President Esarco, Barb Hartigan, Lynn Hassler, John Swanson, Peggy Schneider. Absent (Excused): Alderman Doug Skates, Brian Olsen, Dave Quickel, Mayor Al Kupsik.

Public Present: Chris Schultz, Ryan Stelzer, Kirk Ledu, Aaron Zweifel, Brett Surges.

Approval of Board of Park Commissioners meeting minutes from January 4, 2017
Swanson/Hartigan Motion to approve will change of Lynn Hassler to Excused Absence from Absent. Unanimously carried.

Comments from public limited to 5 minutes:

None.

Permits/Park Donations:

Swanson/Schneider motion to approve Venetian Fest request as submitted for August 2017.
Unanimously carried.

Hartigan/Schneider motion to approve Easter Egg Hunt request as submitted for April 15, 2017.
Unanimously carried.

Hartigan/Hassler Motion to approve Art in the Park request as submitted for August 2017.
Unanimously carried.

Tree Donation – M/M Vanderloop – Carried forward to March meeting.

Discussions on Park Assignments/repair update/maintenance

All in good working order. Plowed, garbage is removed, people are using. In the future the concession building at Veteran's Park will need some maintenance. Park benches and garbage cans need to be painted when weather permits.

New Business:

Jr. Badger Baseball League is requesting dedicated baseball field at Veterans' Park. K. Ledu gave background of baseball leagues in the area. Genoa City was able to host in the past, this has changed. The YMCA has baseball leagues, but they are quasi-travel teams. The YMCA teams travel to Elkhorn, Williams Bay, Delavan, etc. The Y does not offer 13-14 year-old leagues. The Y is not part of the Cactus League. The 13-14-year-old league is growing. The Y has its place in the city, but not for the more serious baseball players. Jr. Badger wants to go to younger baseball players, if younger players aren't considered they will go play for other towns and schools. Badger currently has 57 players in the program. The league is growing and has exhausted school facilities. Veteran's Park is a public park. The Jr. Badger Baseball Program would like one

field to control. The Jr. Badger Baseball Program is not asking for financial support. The Program will maintain the field. Field 5 is usable. Molitor Field is not usable for this Program. Doug Skates to discuss at YMCA meeting on February 2, 2017.

Hartigan/Hassler Motion to investigate a dedicated field at Veteran's Park for the Jr. Badger Baseball Program for 2017. Carried 4 – 1 (Swanson opposed).

Old Business:

White River Crossing – Conservancy and City of Lake Geneva working together on this property. Discussion to resume at March 2017 meeting.

Dog Park – The City takes very good care of the Dog Park. During the winter months it would be beneficial to shovel the snow and remove the ice with pet friendly salt as often as possible. Would like to have the garbage can that was in the middle of the park returned to that area. Handicapped Parking should be required by State Laws. The Dog Park is a public park and should be handicapped accessible. Older and less mobile individuals need to be able to park closer to the entrance of the park. There is space in front of kennels for at least one parking spot. This is a park for now and the future. April 29 is National Dog Park Day. It is suggested that an event be held to clean the Dog Park between 8-11am.

Hartigan/Hassler Motion to continue to discuss handicapped parking at the Dog Park during March 2017 meeting. Unanimously carried.

Center Street Park Access – Update on the meeting with adjacent property owner and request for funding. Swanson stated that even though he believes that the bike/hiking trail is a great use of that park space, a funding request was not approved by the Park Board. Swanson would like to see the map of Center Street. Carry forward discussion.

Manning Way – Now on capital improvement budget. It was thought that funding was available for this project. Carry forward discussion.

Vandewalle Bike Study Proposal – Now on capital improvement budget. Carry forward discussion.

Board of Park Commissioners' Meeting Schedule – It was stated that members agreed to the 1st Monday of the month when they joined the committee. City brochures list the Park Board Meeting at the 1st Monday of the month. If the Park Board meeting would move to the 4th Monday of the month, it would often conflict with holidays.

Future meeting agenda items old:

Tree Donation – M/M Vanderloop

White River Crossing

Dog Park Handicapped Parking update

Capital Improvement Budget Results:
Center Street bike/hike trail update
Manning Way update
Vandewalle Bike Study

Next Meeting: March 1, 2017 at 6pm

Adjourn

Schneider/Hassler Motion to adjourn at 7:16pm. Unanimously carried.

/s/ Ann Esarco, Park Board President