



Board of Park Commissioners

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MINUTES OF THE 6:00 PM MARCH 4, 2015 MEETING

City Hall 2nd Floor Room 2A

Call to Order:

The Board of Park Commissioners meeting was called to order by President Skates at 6:00 PM. Secretary Winkler read the roll.

Roll Call:

President Doug Skates , Lynn Hassler Excused , Barb Hartigan , Peggy Schneider , Dave Quickel , John Swanson , Ald. Al Kupsik , Brian Olsen , Mayor Jim Connors Late . (7 to begin the meeting and 8 total).

Staff & Aldermen Present:

DPW Daniel Winkler, Alderman Elizabeth Chappell, Alderman Sarah Hill.

Public Present:

Members of Badger Leadership Dynamics, and members of the Rotary Club.

Approve the Minutes of the Prior Meeting:

It was moved by Commissioner Quickel to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting, and seconded by Ald. Kupsik. The motion passed 7-0.

Public Input:

Ald. Hill spoke in favor of no charge to use the dog park and in favor of works of art in the parks.

Ald. Chappell spoke in favor of no charge to use the dog park.

Permits & Park Donations:

DATE May 4, 2015 LOCATION Flat Iron Park USE Glasgow Wedding

President Skates read the permit. It was moved by Alderman Kupsik to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Hartigan. The motion passed 8-0 with the condition that the permittee be made aware that the park pavilion will be under construction at that time.

DATE April 14, 2015 LOCATION Seminary Park USE Easter Egg Hunt-Jaycees

President Skates read the permit. It was moved by Mayor Connors to approve, and seconded by Alderman Kupsik. There was some discussion of not charging fees, but the motion passed 8-0.

DATE August 30, 2015 LOCATION Flat Iron Park USE Day after wedding party.

President Skates read the permit. It was moved by Alderman Kupsik to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Hartigan. The motion passed 8-0 with the condition that the permittee be notified the gathering is a week after the carnival in the park and the lawn condition would most likely be marginal.

DATE June 13, 2015 LOCATION Seminary Park USE Foss Family Picnic

President Skates read the permit. It was moved by Alderman Kupsik to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Hartigan. The motion passed 8-0.

Park Assignments/Repair Update/Maintenance:

No comments as the system is covered in snow.

NEW BUSINESS

Dog Park Rules/Fees Discussion.

DPW Winkler provided dog park rule examples and noted that the rules are pretty standard. This was verified by Commissioner Olsen. The fees were also discussed as minimal when a park does charge fees. Mayor Connors suggested that the City install a donations box and run it that way for the first year. It was noted also that one of the conditions to use the park is to have the dog licensed, which may generate some added revenue. DPW Winkler said he believed the Utility had its old fire hydrant bill box and that it would be appropriate to use as a donation box. President Skates expressed concern over enforcement of the rules. Alderman Kupsik said the Police could periodically stop by and do random checks as the Council approved two additional seasonal officers for patrols including in the parks. By consensus the Commission requested the DPW to use the Madison rules with a reference to City Ordinance and have it ready for next meeting, and work toward getting a donation box.

Disc Golf Fees Discussion

DPW Winkler provided information on fees and indicated that \$5 seemed to be the going rate when a fee was present. Mayor Connors moved that we put up a donation box. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Swanson and passed 8-0.

Flat Iron Park Pavilion Fees Discussion

DPW Winkler provided comparables from 4 other communities ranging from \$50 to \$250 depending upon the facility. After some discussion, it was moved by President Skates and seconded by Commissioner Hartigan to rent the new Brunk Pavilion for \$125 for residents and non-profit groups and for \$250 for non-residents. The motion passed 8-0.

(This needs to go before Finance and Council for approval).

Dunn Field Concession Stand Agreement Discussion

Mayor Connors suggested not sending out for bids at this time as the City may benefit better financially once the dog park is finished and there is more activity in the area. DPW Winkler supported the idea of waiting and seeing if we could rent the concession area separately in conjunction with any events the facilities could draw. By consensus, the Commission decided not to go out for bids at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Display of Temporary Art in the Parks-Ald. Chappell-(Taken out of order second)

Alderman Chappell gave a PowerPoint presentation on artwork in parks in other parts of the country and sharing contacts with artists who do this type of thing. Those contacted include Mr. Don Hammond of Badger and Dr. Evermore of North Freedom, WI. President Skates suggested Mr. Richard Arfston of Burlington, and Commissioner Hartigan suggested Mr. Brost of Fontana. No decisions were made but the consensus was to continue to investigate.

Dog Park Fundraising Efforts-Badger Leadership Dynamics-(Taken out of order first)

Ms. Onofre and Taylor, Thomas, Rollie, Christian and Jack appeared and gave both a presentation and an update on the fundraising effort. They are eyeing a drinking fountain (\$4,000), 2 trash cans (\$475), dog bag dispenser with waste container (\$200), 4 picnic tables at \$775 each (\$3,500), and 2 shade structures (\$6,500 for the pair). Funds raised to date are around \$5,000. The dog bone bench (\$3,000) is still a favorite of the Commission. The group's goal is \$15,000 by the end of school. They also are trying to involve the woodworking class to build some of the dog obstacles. The consensus was to have the group work with DPW Winkler on their selections and setting up an account for the dog park with the City. That way the City can try to obtain the best pricing and save on sales taxes.

Ice Skating Rink Location Discussion-Continued.

President Skates reminded everyone to continue looking for spots for next year's ice rink. Commissioner Swanson said Burlington has two rinks on their lake, Commissioner Quickel stated there used to be a Rotary sponsored rink at the Big Foot Park lagoon, and President Skates noted the BID, Chamber and YMCA are investigating "Nice Rink" liners.

Future Meeting Agenda Items-March 2015

- Flat Iron Park Gazebo Charges.
- Badger Leadership Dynamics Dog Park Fundraising Update.
- Final Dog Park Rules for Approval.

ADJOURN:

It was moved Mayor Connors and seconded by Commissioner Hartigan to adjourn. The motion then passed 8-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Set Next Meeting Date:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel S. Winkler
Secretary

If anyone finds any inaccuracies, errors or needs to adjust the minutes please call or email me prior to the next meeting.)