

Board of Park Commissioners' Minutes
Wednesday, July 26, 2017 – 6:30pm
City Hall, Meeting Room 2A

Roll Call: Present: Park Board President Ann Esarco, Park Board Commissioners: Brian Olsen, Barbara Philipps, Peggy Schneider, John Swanson, Dave Quickel.
Excused absences: Lynn Hassler, Alderman Doug Skates

Staff Present: Blaine Oborn (City Administrator), Neil Waswo (Street Superintendent)

Public Present: Jim Flower, Cindy Flower, Jose Estrada (Omega Soccer), YMCA: Mike Coolidge, Jeremy Kinsey, Mike Kramp

Approval of Minutes from prior meeting:

Motion by Swanson/Quickel to accept minutes of June 28, 2017 as presented. Unanimously carried.

Comments from public limited to 5 minutes:

Jim Flower stated that he would like the city to retain Veterans Park, especially in consideration of the growth of the city.

YMCA/Veterans Park Report

Mike Coolidge reported that the baseball/softball ended July 31, approximately 500 children played during the season. During August, Men's Softball. During Fall, High School and 11/12 years old games. In September, the fall season will start with Soccer, Flag Football and Lacrosse.

Fields are maintained by the YMCA even when games are not being played.

Permits/Park Donations:

Omega Soccer League, an adult soccer league, is open to individuals that are 17 years old or older. The League needs field and goal post. The League will have rules of behavior that will include no alcohol and no undesirable behavior. These rules will be posted on the League's website. The League has agreed to not play on fields that are not "healthy."

Motion by Esarco/Kupsik to grant permit for the Omega Soccer League, League Omega to use field at Veterans Park on Sundays from May 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018 from 9am – 5pm, proof of insurance must be provided to the City before the permit is issued. Fee for the season is calculated at 17 Sundays at \$75 each Sunday for a total of \$1275, plus security deposit and application fee.

Motion carried 4 to 2 with opposed votes by Swanson and Quickel.

Motion by Kupsik/Philipps to approve the request by Mr. Andrew Taylor for bench, placed along the lakefront, in honor of his deceased wife, Angela Taylor. Staff recommendations to be followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Park Assignments/Repair Update/Maintenance

Mr. Swanson reported that the Parks are in very good repair and commended City staff on their fine work. Minor items were brought to the attention of staff.

Wind art is a beautiful addition to Flat Iron Park, but the art will be removed during Venetian Fest to protect the art from damage.

New Business

Aeration at Fermano and Home Depot not necessary since these ponds are being chemically treated. Also there is no electric at Fermano at this time.

Park Assignments: Mr. Swanson will oversee all parks with the assistance of: Ms. Schneider (Library, Tot Lot, Bike Path, and Donian); Ms. Philipps (Flat Iron and Dog Park); Mr. Quickel (Donian and Veterans Park); Ms. Esarco (Rushwood and Dunn Field).

Information on the possible creation of a Recreation Department was provided to the Park Board. The matter is currently being considered by the Personnel Committee. Meetings are expected to be held between the City, the School District, and the YMCA. The title of "Community Outreach Director" was suggested for this possible position.

Motion by Kupsik/Schneider to authorize staff to negotiate with the YMCA on possibly locating the YMCA at Veterans Park.

Motion carried 4 to 2 with Esarco "opposing" and Swanson "abstaining."

Old Business

Update on Vandewalle Bicycle & Pedestrian Path, carried forward.

Update on Manning Way – Original drawing not fitting, want to move away from South end, need cost for leveling lot, construction should start the end of September.

Tree Board Ordinance Policy, carried forward.

Future Meeting Agenda Items Old:

Update on Vandewalle Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

Update on Manning Way

Tree Board Ordinance Policy

Future Meeting Agenda Items New:

Veterans Park, extending two diamond fields (Fields 1 and 2) by five feet.

Additional usage for Dunn Park/Disc Park

Next Meeting:

August 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Adjourn

Schneider/Philipps: Motion to adjourn at 8:32pm. Unanimously carried.

/s/ Ann Esarco, Park Board President

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Park Commissioners