

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL, MEETING ROOM 2A**

Meeting was called to order by President Ann Esarco at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: President Ann Esarco, Alderman Doug Skates, Lynn Hassler, Barbara Hartigan, Peggy Schneider, Brian Olsen, John Swanson and Mayor Al Kupsik. Absent: David Quickel.

Also Present: Street Superintendent Waswo and City Administrator Oborn. Public Present: Chris Schultz and Kent Lambert.

**Approval of Board of Park Commissioners meeting minutes from September 7, 2016**

Swanson/Hassler motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes**

None.

**Permits/Park Donations**

President Esarco presented a permit submitted by Ashley Miu-Alexander for a Relay For Life event at Veteran's Park on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00-9:00pm. It was noted that there is not a sidewalk on Park Dr on either side so they would have to go in the street.

Skates/Hartigan motion to approve pending submission of a second amended route. Unanimously carried.

**Discussion on Park Assignments/repair update/maintenance**

Mr. Swanson stated there was a written report for each commissioner to review. The parks are great and we are very lucky to have them. Ms. Hartigan said the dog park looks great but there is a little trouble with the dog bags as we run out very quickly. Mr. Waswo replied we went through 1,200 bags in 2 weeks. Mr. Skates added he has been told that people have been just taking all of the bags out. Mr. Waswo stated they will start checking them on Mondays as well as Fridays. Mr. Swanson asked if the bags are disappearing as quickly down by Library Park. Mr. Waswo said yes.

Ms. Esarco said the fallen tree was also cleaned up off of the path. Dan Winkler told her who the owners of that property were and she then asked them if we could remove that tree. They said it was ok, so someone volunteered and moved the tree for us. The path is now open. She would like to go to them to see if they would grant an easement. If they would grant the easement, she would like the city to maintain the path and maybe even put a fence near their side. Ms. Esarco suggested if they do a permanent easement, it would reduce the market value of their home and they can take a tax deduction for the difference from the fair market value for the granting of the easement. Mr. Oborn said that would probably take Council approval. Ms. Esarco said she would follow up on it and report back to the board.

Ms. Hartigan questioned what all the wood chips are for at the disc golf course. Mr. Waswo answered they are wood chips from the tornado damage. In that area the Street Department has to weed eat by hand, so they are just going to mulch the area. She asked if they could fill in some dog holes with it as well. She stated the dog park has a lot of holes. Mr. Waswo said they can try to fill them.

Mayor Kupsik said with the budget coming up we should look at the border around the playground at Seminary Park. Mr. Waswo said that was repaired last week. The grading was also raised as well.

**New Business**

**Bike Path Study with Vandewalle (Multi Use Path)**

**Kent Lambert**

Ms. Esarco introduced Kent Lambert of Tread Head Cycling. Mr. Lambert said the group has been in existence for 14-15 years. They are a non-profit organization in Lake Geneva. There are currently about 150 members with 50 being active members. A brief background was given on the group. Mr. Lambert said the club wants to be more involved with the city. Mr. Skates added Brian Pollard has given the city about 30 acres at the top of the hill by Center Street. He walked through it with a few people and it would be great for walking paths and could be a real significant, low maintenance

park. He stated the Tread Heads are willing to come in and assist. Mr. Lambert stated this wouldn't be the first time the Tread Heads have done this. They developed, built and maintain all the mountain bike and hiking trails at the Lake Geneva Canopy Tours. They have built trails at the Grand Geneva as well. John Swanson suggested getting this on the radio. Alderman Skates suggested having a share program in the City. Ms. Esarco noted this would be for safety as well.

### **Old Business**

#### **Wind Sculptures at Brunk Pavilion – Anne Brunk Peterson**

Ms. Hartigan explained she spoke with Anne Brunk who stated she would not be able to attend the meeting. The Park Board already recommended to accept the donation, but before going to Council they requested Ms. Brunk provide the exact locations as determined with staff and the style and size of the wind sculptures. Ms. Brunk sent over 4 mock ups. Ms. Hartigan went over the maintenance that would be required and the warranty of the sculptures. Mr. Skates questioned if these would be a distraction during a performance or concert and can they be removed if need be. Street Superintendent Waswo stated there are two options, a permanent and detachable structure. It was noted that the sculptures do not make noise. Mayor Kupsik suggested putting a sleeve in the ground in case the pole has to come out. He also suggested a larger base as well as digging the hole deeper than her suggestion. Ms. Hartigan called Anne Brunk who answered a number of questions regarding the sculptures. The consensus was to select mock up number 1 at the sub-huge sizing.

Skates/Hassler motion to approve number 1 and direct staff to discuss installation, future removal options, concerns on height with regard to touching, and for an option to put it deeper in the ground. Unanimously carried.

#### **Manning Way Park**

Mr. Skates said he could reach out to the residents to discuss the potential park. He asked Street Superintendent Waswo to put together a list of playground equipment including baby swings, adaptive swing for older children, and a teeter totter along with costs. Mr. Skates also wanted to discuss what to do with the woods behind the area. Mayor Kupsik felt there should be at least one piece of equipment that is handicap rated at the parks. It was discussed to put a piece of adaptive equipment in Rushwood and Seminary parks.

#### **Pickle Ball Court Location**

Mr. Waswo stated he hasn't heard anything. Mr. Swanson said he spoke with the YMCA and Mike Coolidge stated they aren't interested in doing anything more this year. They feel there will be too many lines on the basketball court. Mr. Skates said he wasn't sure if it was on our comprehensive plan but it should be on the radar. It was suggested to perhaps repurpose the bocce ball area; however there is no parking and the court is under the Utility Commission.

#### **Future meeting agenda items**

Items requested for the next agenda included Center Street bike trails, the Manning Way park discussion with residents, handicap parking at the dog park, and pricing for playground equipment.

#### **Adjournment**

Skates/Hassler motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 7:17pm.

/s/ Stephanie Gunderson, Assistant City Clerk

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