

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016 – 6:30 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, Dave Quickel, John Swanson and Mayor Al Kupsik.

Also Present: Street Superintendent Waswo and City Administrator Oborn. Public Present: Darien Schaefer, Kent Lambert and Dan Getzen.

**Approval of Board of Park Commissioners meeting minutes from October 5, 2016**

Skates/Schneider motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

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

President Esarco read a letter from Dee Fiske noting issues with the sledding hill, bathroom facilities in the city, dogs in the disc golf course, and the bridge in the disc golf course.

**Permits/Park Donations**

President Esarco noted there were not any donations. Darien Schaefer with VISIT Lake Geneva and Ms. Esarco gave an overview of the 2017 Winterfest application and event with regard to the park rental.

Kupsik/Hartigan motion to approve with same fees as last year, \$370. Unanimously carried.

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

Mr. Skates asked about the bark at Rushwood Park. Street Superintendent Waswo stated a lot of the parks have been chipped. They will be doing more in the spring. Mr. Skates stated there is not much there but it may not be worth it to do it this year.

**New Business**

**Bike Path Easement (Chase)**

Ms. Esarco stated she is trying to communicate with the owners and will have more information next month.

**Dog Park – Handicap Parking**

Ms. Hartigan stated she is very interested in getting some handicapped parking at the dog park. She thinks three stalls in front of the gate would be good. There was discussion on how to make the park accessible to handicapped people.

**Old Business**

**Center Street Bike Trail -Kent Lambert (Treadhead Cycling)**

Kent Lambert and Dan Getzen, Treadhead Cycling, gave an overview of their bike club and their plans for a new bike trail within the City. The committee discussed ideas and concerns for the trail. Mr. Skates suggested they come back next month with a visual for the commission. It also gives commissioners time to think of any questions they may want answered.

Swanson/Esarco motion to have the Treadheads come back next month with their findings and give staff permission to look in to what the next step would be. Unanimously carried.

**Manning Way -Equipment, including Adaptive Options**

Street Superintendent Waswo brought information on different types of equipment and pricing quotes.

Skates/Kupsik motion to designate funds not to exceed \$50,000 for Manning Park. Unanimously carried.

**Manning Way -Communications with neighborhood**

Alderman Skates asked commissioners to speak with residents of the neighborhood and encourage them to attend the next meeting.

### **Pickle Ball Court (Bocce Ball)**

Mr. Skates asked if the bocce ball court can be converted to a pickle ball court. Mr. Swanson stated he does not think it is large enough. Mr. Oborn added there isn't any parking. Mr. Skates asked Mr. Oborn to contact Mike Kramp with the YMCA to ask him if the bocce ball court would work for their needs. Ms. Esarco added that she contacted the Utility Commission and they stated it would be ok for the parks to use it.

### **Bike Path Study (Vandewalle)**

Ms. Esarco noted the total cost would be about \$25,000. Mr. Skates noted they are looking at getting people around and making sense out of roads and sidewalks. He was told the City has a great internal structure but there are a lot of things on the periphery that don't make sense, such as abrupt ends or not getting from point A to point B. There isn't a sidewalk by South Street and there is no clear access to Bigfoot. Mr. Skates was told the City is losing a lot of opportunity and business out of Bigfoot. People are riding bikes back there but just don't know where to go. They spend the time to do the study and give you a plan. The plan is not all about biking, running and walking. A large component is safety. Mr. Skates stated we need to have a plan like the City's comprehensive plan. Vandewalle does a great job with workshops and such as well. Mayor Kupsik asked what the \$25,000 would pay for. Mr. Skates would like someone from Vandewalle to explain it to the group. Mayor Kupsik stated there is a lot of grant money out there as well. Mr. Oborn noted they did the parks study a few years ago.

Skates/Esarco motion to designate \$25,000 toward the 2017 bicycle and pedestrian plan with tiered pricing. Motion carried 7 to 1 with John Swanson voting "no."

### **Future meeting agenda items**

Items requested for the next agenda included the bike path easement, handicap parking at the dog park, the Center Street bike trail, the equipment for Manning Way Park, communications with the residents regarding Manning Way Park, the pickle ball court, and follow up on the bike path study with Vandewalle. The next meeting date was set for December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

Skates/Quickel motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 7:59 pm.

/s/ Stephanie Gunderson, Assistant City Clerk

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