

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 AT 6:30 PM
CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2A
MINUTES**

President Esarco called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Roll Call: Present: President Esarco, Mayor Hartz, Peggy Schneider, Brian Olsen, Meaghen Madden-Van Dyke

Brian Olsen noted that “I came here straight from work.” This was a constant refrain throughout the meeting.

Excused: Alderman Straube, Barbara Philipps, Obdulia Alvarez, Dave Quickel

Staff Present: None

Also in attendance was Alderman Flower

Public Present: Empty chairs all around. Seemed very quiet.

Approval of Board of Park Commissioner meeting minutes from August 28, 2019:

Olsen/Schneider moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Comments from the public: As noted above, no one from the public attended, thus logically, there was no public comment

Acceptance of Board of Park Commissions Funds Report:

Hartz/Olsen moved to accept the Parks Commissions Funds Report. Passed 5-0. Esarco asked about using the Impact Fees to build multi-use paths for the increased elderly (55 and older) population resulting from new residents at Symphony Bay and Golden Years. The new residents more frequently are using motorized wheelchairs and scooters to access stores, community facilities, and health facilities. Hartz will speak with Attorney Draper about such a use.

Aldermanic Request(s)

None was presented

New Business

Motion was made by Esarco/Hartz to suspend the rules and move item 6B up to speak about the YMCA Agreement Review. Passed 5-0

YMCA Agreement Review

Alderman Flower presented the draft agreement between the YMCA and the City to provide recreational services and utilize athletic fields owned by the City. The Board reviewed the draft agreement line by line. The process ended after an hour when the red ink ran out. The Board completed the edit and requested that Alderman Flower speak with Attorney Draper and the YMCA about the suggested changes.

Grant Applications – Proposal from Vandewalle

Vandewalle has not completed the proposal yet. This item will be heard at the next Board of Park Commissioners. The projects the Board of Park Commissioners is considering for grant

funding are as follows: Four Seasons, Ice Rink at Veterans Park and/or on Geneva Lake, Park Bench – Yaeger Tree Location, Safe Routes to School

Usage of \$15,000 Funds Budgeted for Multi-use trail

President Esarco asked if the \$15,000 that was included in the 2019 Budget for bike paths had been used yet. Alderman Flower said it had not. Madden-Van Dyke/Olsen moved to forward this item to Public Works Committee with a recommendation that the bike lane behind the YMCA be repaired. Passed 5-0.

Striping of Bike Lane as approved on May 22, 2019 minutes of Park Board, “Motion to approve striping alternate route north Wisconsin Street from Central/Dennison to Maxwell Street, Maxwell Street from Wisconsin to George Street. Hartz/Esarco: passed unanimously”

Mayor Hartz asked about the disposition of this Park Board recommendation. Alderman Flower noted that she spoke with the Public Works Department about painting sharrows on the street rather than identifying a specific lane. When the street is narrow and will not accommodate a lane, it is common then to paint sharrows on the street to alert cars that bicycles use the designated street. Hartz/Olsen moved to forward this item to Public Works Committee with the same recommendation as noted above. Motion passed 5-0.

Old Business

Update of Park Permit fees

President Esarco announced that the City Council approved the Park Board recommendation to increase the fees for for-profit extended use of the parks.

Update on Bicycle Rack Donation by TreadHead Cycling

There was no report as Neil Waswo was absent.

Future meeting agenda items

President Esarco commented that two items were left off of the agenda she submitted and suggested that they be put on the agenda for the next meeting. For the next meeting the Sage Street bike lane and Veterans Park business sponsorships will be added to the agenda.

Olsen/Schneider moved to adjourn. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting gloriously adjourned at 8:02 pm.

/s/ Mayor Hartz, Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners.

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