

Board of Park Commissioners' Minutes
Wednesday, July 24, 2019– 6:30pm
City Hall, Meeting Room 2A

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Esarco at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Tom Hartz, Park Board President: Ann Esarco, Alderman Straube, Park Board Commissioners: Barbara Philipps, Meaghen Madden-Van Dyke, Obdulia Alvarez, Peggy Schneider

Excused: Brian Olsen Dave Quickel

Staff Present: None

Also in attendance was Alderman Flower

Public Present: Dick Malmin and Mary Jo Fesenmaier

Approval of Minutes from prior meeting: Hartz/ Philipps: Approve minutes of June 26, 2019 with spelling corrections. The correct spellings are Meaghen Madden-Van Dyke, Barbara Philipps, and Dick Malmin, and Mary Jo Fesenmaier. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from public:

Mary Jo Fesenmaier: Mary Jo noted that the minutes of the June meeting were posted incorrectly. Some pages were missing. Mary Jo appreciated the new permitting process but was able to identify a problem in that there was no calendar included in the on-line application. Mary Jo then reiterated her desire to have Hillmoor turned into a City Park following the Shawn Kelly land plan.

Dick Malmin addressed the commissioners about global warming and the lack of cooling stations in Lake Geneva. Given the heat on Saturday July 20, he identified that there is a need for a community pool in Lake Geneva and it should be located in Hillmoor.

Acceptance of Board of Park Commissions Fund Report: The Funds were accepted by consent. It was noted that there was not enough money in the Park Fund to pay for the equipment chosen for the tot lot in Sturwood. The Mayor will speak with the City Attorney about moving the Never Say Never pledged funds from the Park Fund to the Park Impact Fees.

Aldermanic Request(s): Alderman Flower requested the Park Commission address the issue of the poor condition of 4 out of 5 bridges crossing the White River in the Disc Golf Course. Which ones should be replaced and which can be repaired were questions that were raised. Alderman Straube noted that she walked the bridges with Dee Bark and Dee asked about the "rusty" bridge. Alderman Flower and Mayor Hartz noted that the "rusty" bridge was the new bridge, built last year and designed to rust. Alderman Flower noted that painting a metal bridge adds to the maintenance costs. It was decided that the Commission would address the bridges in the

context of the Park Plan and the Bike/Ped Plan's call for a trail to follow the White River all of the way to the Grand Geneva. Hartz/Esarco moved to continue the issue to the next meeting when the issue of the White River Trail could be considered. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

YMCA Update: Avi Mor from the YMCA was not in attendance. The YMCA calendar was reviewed. Obdulia Alvarez spoke about the Latino Listening Session comments about using Veterans Field for soccer leagues. Obdulia will come back to the next meeting with specific questions and ideas regarding the leagues.

Safe Routes to Schools: Hartz stated that the closest bus stop to Badger High School is at Romin and Laurie Streets, approximately 4 blocks from the high school. The question asked at previous meetings was what is the farthest a student could live from a school and still walk or ride a bike. It appears to be 4 blocks or so. Discussion followed about the cross country team running on streets for practice, elementary school walking field trips and crossing busy streets, and other outside of school field trips. These incidents would benefit from a Safe Routes to School program. Schneider/Straube moved to continue the topic to the next Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Funding projects for Four Seasons: Hartz suggested requesting Vandewalle to present a proposal to the Commission to write grant applications for Four Seasons and other Commission projects. Vande\walle will be asked to present their proposal at the next meeting of the Commission.

Veterans's Park Ice Rink: Discussion about a hockey sized ice rink at the park. The Commission will discuss with the YMCA their plans for activities at their new location and whether they are considering an ice rink.

Maple Park tennis courts: Discussion about the need for wind screens. The wind screens would also help keep the gravel from the play lot from migrating to the tennis court. Esarco will send an email to Neil Waswo about the cost of the screens.

Park Finances: Discussed at the Fund Report.

List of upcoming events to the parks: Discussion about fee-based activities vs. non-fee based activities. Straube and Hartz will meet with the City Administrator and the Deputy Clerk to clarify the rules and procedures.

Old Business

Equipment replacement report: No discussion because there was no staff present.

Habitat for Humanity: No discussion because there was no one present from Habitat for Humanity.

Accolades: The Public Works Department implemented a trial Recycling in the Parks program at the Riviera. It was reported that the first weekend was a success. The trial will also be implemented for Venetian Fest week as well.

Future meeting agenda items: We will finish what we started with 4 Seasons and focus our efforts on making visitors to the park feel safe. If women walking alone feel safe then we will consider the changes we implement to be successful. We will research efforts in other communities to provide safety in parks.

Adjourn:

Motion by Hartz to adjourn the meeting of the Park Board Commission, second by Schneider. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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

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