

**City of Lake Geneva  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting**

**August 3, 2011 6:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:**

The Board of Park Commissioners call to order President Skates. DPW Dan Winkler reads the roll.

**Roll Call:**

President Doug Skates \_\_X\_\_, Lynn Hassler \_\_X\_\_, Barb Hartigan \_\_X\_\_,  
Rick Steinberg \_\_X\_\_, Peggy Schneider \_\_X\_\_, Dave Quickel \_\_X\_\_, John Swanson  
\_\_X\_\_, Ald. Al Kupsik \_\_X\_\_, Mayor Jim Connors \_Excused/Arrived Late\_.

**Staff & Aldermen Present:**

DPW Daniel Winkler \_\_X\_\_, Street Superintendent Ron Carstensen \_\_\_\_\_,  
Administrator Dennis Jordan \_\_\_\_\_, Ald. Bill Mott, Ald. Tom Hartz.

**Public Present:**

Mike Coolidge of the YMCA.

**Approve the Minutes of the Prior Meeting:**

It was moved by Hartigan to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2011 meeting, seconded by Swanson. The motion passed 8-0.

**Public Input:**

Mr. Coolidge said he was there to answer any questions regarding the proposed volleyball courts. Alderman Mott brought up the 20 game fall baseball program and the cost to operate the lights at Molitor Field, being \$11.30/hour. Skates indicated he was going to meet with Mr. Ken Johnson and Bob Vorpagel who was running fall ball and discuss with him possibly contributing to the cost. Mr. Coolidge said the YMCA did not run the program but did prepare the fields. Quickel and Swanson both defended the use of the field including night lights. Schneider thought the fall program was also worthwhile. President Skates said he would place the matter on the next agenda for a more thorough discussion.

**Permits:**

None.

**Park Assignments/Repair Update:**

Swanson provided his list to DPW Winkler who said he would pass it along to the Street Department.

**Old Business:**

Skate Park Design Progress-Winkler provided copies of the 30% design plans and the Commission discussed the location, costs and process. The consensus was the plan as proposed is fine, the DPW needs to review the plans and specifications, and the project may need to be reviewed for location by the Plan Commission. Skates said he would check in with the Building Inspector. Swanson did note that page SP-1.4 was not actually what the plan looks like. Skates said the plans were only 30% finished and the perspectives were to show generally what the park would look like. Skates tried to set a final plan approval meeting for next week to try to break ground by September, but could not get a consensus date and time for the meeting.

Dog Park Discussion-Kupsik reported that the Commission saw Mr. Carstensen's marked out area but wished to make it bigger as well as shift it further to the south nearer the proposed skateboard park site. Swanson wished to fence in a much larger area also. Hassler wished the entire park to be accessible from the south gate by the road coming in so people could park in the new City lot, walk past the skateboard park, and enter the dog park. She also noted we wished to close the road at some point, so the dog park access should be further south. Skates said there is never a perfect time to build the park but he has received several calls in support of it. The Commission did not want small and large dog separate areas. Winkler cautioned that not all opinions he has heard were in support the park, so there will be people out there questioning whether it should be built or not. The Commission by consensus continued the item until the Street Department had a chance to mow the area so we could better evaluate the amount of work required to restore the turf to usable condition. Skates said the Street Department does quality work and he was confident it would look nice after a few mowings. There was also some discussion regarding the possibilities if the area was returned to a golf course use. One possibility was the installation of a removable fence.

Eagle Scout Project at Veterans Park-Plan & Schedule Discussion-DPW Winkler reported that the last contact he had with Scoutmaster Odden was that the eagle scout would be on the job getting the project finished in August.

Volleyball Court Discussion-Winkler reported that the Public Works Committee unanimously supported the volleyball courts in the location previously discussed off the east and north corner of the park repair building contingent upon a memorandum of understanding with the YMCA that they will build and maintain it. It was explained that the courts would be built as proposed by Mr. Winkler to include some drainage. It was moved by Quickel to approve and seconded by Hartigan. Skates mentioned this item also may have to go to Plan Commission but he wasn't sure and would check with the Building Inspector. The motion passed 8-0.

**New Business:**

Discussion on Park Signage-Al Kupsik said he would like to see attractive signage in the parks that consolidated the scattered park rules on signs already there. He thought compliance would be better if the signs were strategically placed. Swanson wished to see bigger signs. Quickel said the signage makes little difference and compliance can only be obtained by enforcement. Winkler suggested the park commissioner assigned the park identify what they wished to see and it would be arranged for. Kupsik said we really need to concentrate on Library and Flat Iron Parks as those had the biggest problems. Skates said we would add this one for the next meeting agenda to discuss further when he will present the Commission with the new list of park assignments.

Miscellaneous-Quickel thought we needed a nice park brochure to promote what we have to offer. Skate said a lot of our park information is on the City website. Quickel also wished to recognize John Swanson for his efforts to promote the dream team games.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM on an 8-0 vote after a motion by Mayor Connors and second by Hassler.

Next Meeting-September 7, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Park Commission Secretary  
& Director of Public Works & Utilities  
08/04/11