

PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE MINUTES
Immediately Following Public Works Meeting
April 4, 2006

PRESENT: Renning, Heise, O'Connell, Herter, Henke, Morack, Way
OTHERS: Hager, Polley, Rousseau, Graham
ABSENT: Kopitzke

Renning called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

1. O'Connell moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Herter. All Ayes. MC.
2. The committee had a lengthy discussion to decide what reasonable fees would be for the shelters. The committee also discussed the option of resident and non-resident fees. The committee decided that one fee for the shelters would remain. It was also expressed that local fishing groups would not be charged for the Riverside Park Shelter. The fee would pertain to outside groups wanting to reserve the shelter.

Heise moved to set fees for Riverside Park at \$50, Pfeifer Park at \$50, and Hatten Park at \$65 beginning August 1st, 2006 and it is the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Director to charge a deposit fee for the shelters, seconded by Renning. All Ayes. MC.

3. Polley reviewed the parking issues at Riverside Park.

Herter moved to install "No Parking on Grass" and "Boat Trailer Parking Only" signs at Riverside Park boat launch, seconded by O'Connell. All Ayes. MC.

4. The committee discussed the concept of the City and the School District partnering to continue operations of the Community Pool. The committee expressed concerns regarding keeping the pool a community pool and providing a variety of programs. The committee also discussed meeting with the townships to discuss fees for Parks and Recreation programming.

Herter moved to begin discussions with the School Board and the townships, seconded by O'Connell. All Ayes. MC.

In addition, the committee discussed the facility use and utility costs of each area within the parks. The utility costs are one area that the City will address when examining the 2007 budget.

Heise moved to divide the utility costs of each area used, proportionately between the groups that use the different areas of Memorial Park and Hatten Stadium at the end of each season beginning this year, seconded by Herter. All Ayes. MC

5. The operations of the Memorial Park concession stand were discussed. The committee expressed concerns with the Parks and Recreation Department assuming control of the concession stand. The concession stand will remain the responsibility of the user groups and the Parks and Recreation Department will begin working more directly with each group.

6. Polley informed the committee that an estimate for the plumbing at the Memorial Park bathrooms will be submitted very soon. Requests for proposals for a spray area, urban forestry management plan, and tree inventory update are being prepared. Polley will also be developing a letter for the DOT that will indicate the City's interest in connecting the WLOWASH trail to New London with the new Hwy 15. Arbor Day is in April and a proclamation would be read and signed by the Mayor at the April 11th City Council meeting.
7. The March pool and weight room reports were reviewed. The committee was very impressed with the large number of people attending the family swims.
8. The May agenda will include proposals for the 2007 budget.

O'Connell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Heise. All Ayes. MC. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.