

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 5th, 2008

5:30 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Way, Tate, Romberg, Morack, Herter

OTHERS: Director Hoerth, Administrator Hager, Henke

Way brought the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. following the Public Works Committee meeting.

1. Romberg moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Tate. Motion passed by all.
2. Director's Report:
 - a. The committee was presented an updated budget on the splash pad. The current cost is estimated at over \$115,000 with a few cost to be investigated yet. Hoerth explained that bids for construction of the pad should be obtained in the last week of February, which will give the city a better idea of the final costs. The committee asked Hoerth to talk to the donor to get their opinion on how they would like to be recognized for their financial contribution.
 - b. Hoerth reported on the department analysis he would like to complete and invited the committee and council members to participate in it.
 - c. The committee was shown a draft copy of a 2006 Special Events Planning guide that will be updated for groups who are holding community events.
 - d. The committee was told that the state has updated the swimming pool operating codes and that the department is reviewing what the city needs to do to become compliant with the new codes.
 - e. The committee reviewed the boat launch fees for 2008 and decided not to change them from the previous year.
 - f. Hagar reported on the status of the desired easement for a river trail on the north end of the Saputo property. The Plant Manager told Hagar that the company has concerns with a trail in that area because that is where they pile their snow in the winter and many trucks maneuver there to line up with their shipping docks. The Plant Manager will be discussing the easement request with his supervisors and get back to the city with a final answer. If the easement request is denied the committee talked about re-routing the trail around the south end of Saputo along Wolf River Avenue.
 - g. Hoerth presented a new document published from the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association titled Citizen Board Members Resource Guide. The committee inquired about starting a Citizens Park and Recreation Advisory committee that would give input to the Park and Recreation Committee. Hoerth will investigate the option further.

3. Chairman's Report – No Report
4. Committee Member's Report – No Report
5. Monthly Pool Reports – No Report
6. New Business
 - a. The committee was told about a Citizens Advisory Committee for the Seymour to New London trail that will take place on February 7th. Hoerth will attend and report back to the committee.
 - b. Morack inquired about a report he saw in regards to a loss of pool revenue for 2007. Hoerth stated he will investigate the loss and report back to the committee.

Romberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Herter. Motion carried by all. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.