

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 8th, 2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Way, Herter, Herminath, Romberg,

OTHERS: Director Hoerth, Administrator Hager, City Attorney Luaders, O'Connell, Barrington, City Engineer Bodoh

Chairman Way brought the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Herter moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Romberg. Motion passed by all.

Hoerth presented a new Wisconsin Act requiring all owners of locker rooms create a policy that regulates the use of cell phones and imaging devices in locker rooms. Hoerth presented a draft copy of the policy which will be posted in the city owned locker rooms. Motion made by Romberg seconded by Herter to approve the policy as presented. Carried by all.

The committee reviewed an easement request tabled from the April 1st committee meeting. Herminath expressed his concern to Attorney Luaders that the easement would not terminate by non-use or abandonment. Motion made by Romberg, seconded by Herter approve the easement with the statement "*and that none of the rights herein granted shall be lost by non-use*" be removed from item number 6. Carried by all

Bodoh presented the bid tab for the south downtown Wolf Riverwall removal project. Three bids were submitted with Faulks Brothers Construction (Waupaca, WI) being the lowest at \$33,860.00. Bodoh stated that the project can start once the river level lowers to around 2 feet. Most of the project will be done this year and planting will be complete in the spring of 2009. Motion made by Herter, seconded by Herminath to recommend that city council award the bid to Faulks Brothers Construction. Carried by all.

The Feather Wildlife Rehab group requested permission for osprey banding at Memorial Park for the summer of 2008. The committee discussed the 2007 request and approval and decided to allow the group ongoing permission for the event. Motion made by Herminath seconded by Romberg to give the Feather Wildlife Rehab group ongoing permission for osprey banding at Memorial Park. Carried by all.

Hoerth informed the group that the lease for Cash's Bait Shop was up for renewal, previous leases have been signed for 3 year terms with a \$1.00 per year lease fee. Motion made by Romberg, seconded by Herter to recommend that the council renew the bait shop lease with Donald Cashmore for an additional 3 years.

The Senior Center will be offering new senior exercise classes and Hoerth recommended to provide a senior discount fee of 10% from the current exercise class fee. The new senior fee would be \$2.75 per class or \$22.50 for ten classes. The senior discount would be good for all

seniors age 60 and older. Motion made by Herter seconded by Romberg for city council to accept the new fees as presented. Carried by all.

Jeff Wood from the New London Youth Baseball Association was presented a proposal for the association to install three new diamond fences at Pfiefer Park with dugouts and three new batting cages. Hoerth presented a donation and release agreement for the proposal. Herminath questioned if thought was put into the placement of these fences to complement future park improvement like additional parking. Wood stated that due to the proximity of the river that moving the location of any of the diamonds wouldn't be much of a benefit. Hoerth stated that the city could review the parking at Pfiefer when the city updated its open space and rec plan. Motion made by Herminath, seconded by Herter that the city council approve the donation agreement presented. Carried by all.

Hoerth made the recommendation to use the current pool fee schedule for the splash pad instead of charging a separate fee. The committee agreed, no motion needed at this time.

The donator for the splash pad informed Hoerth that they would like to be recognized for their donation. Hoerth stated that the donation sign and the pool rules sign would run about \$300.00 and would be added to the splash pad budget. During this process Hoerth and Way discussed updating the main sign on the front of the pool and presented some options for the committee. One of the option included changing the name of the Community Pool to New London Aquatic and Fitness Center. Motion made by Herminath, seconded by Herter to change the name to New London Aquatic and Fitness Center. Motion made by Romberg, seconded by Herter to purchase an updated sign with the new name from Creative Signs (Green Bay, WI) for a cost of \$500.00.

Romberg reported that the technology committee will review the options for using electronic data for agenda items.

Hoerth informed the committee that they will have the splash pad grand opening on Friday June 6th in the afternoon.

Chairman's report- No Report

Committee members report- No Report

Monthly pool and senior center activity logs were presented and distributed.

Due to the length of the meeting, the park tour was postponed for a later date.

Motion made by Herter to adjourn, seconded by Romberg. The meeting ended at 6:00pm.

Chad R. Hoerth
Director of Park, Recreation & Cable 3