

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 7, 2010

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Way, Bob Besaw, John Romberg, Lori Dean, Bob Marcks, and Tiffany Schulz

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Herter

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Henke, Tom O'Connell, Ron Steinhorst, and Mike Barrington

OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Rec Director Chad Hoerth, Administrator Kent Hager, Janet Searl, Lee Rousseau, Jeremy Bellile from US Lamp

Chairman Way called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Schulz moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dean. Motion carried 6-0.

Concrete Slab for Roller Derby. Hoerth had been contacted by Tanya Procknow about putting a concrete slab inside the ice rink by the sled hill. Ms. Procknow did not attend the meeting to answer questions that the committee has so this item will be tabled for now.

Whole Building Lighting Program. Hoerth explained that this can be a really good opportunity for the City. WPPI will be invested with a Focus on Energy program called the “Whole Building Lighting Program” on January 1, 2011. The City would team up with a designer who surveys the facilities and a proposal is then sent to Focus on Energy for review. Incentives are based on the changes made. The more aggressive the energy savings the higher the grant. WPPI is also offering to match the grant/incentives up to \$80,000 total grant. In addition, WPPI is also offering the city a zero percent interest loan, which is paid off with the energy savings. The main objective is to create the most energy efficient buildings based on hours of operation.

Hoerth has been talking with a representative from US Lamp and has checked references of work done in our area. They would do the survey, create a design, prepare all necessary paperwork, and prepare and send out bid packets for installation. Any materials purchased from US Lamp would offset the cost of the design fee.

Romberg recommended to the capital projects committee to designate \$4600 for the US Lamp survey and recommended to Council to sign a contract with US Lamp to start the survey work, seconded by Besaw. Motion carried 6-0.

Community Garden. The committee came up with ideas of what would be needed to start a community garden. They all thought it was a great idea and would like Hoerth to check out models of already established gardens. A suggestion was made to also check with the Master Gardener's program.

Boardwalk Trail Design Proposal (behind Saputo). Administrator Hager discussed his memo that was included in the packet. Money has already been approved by Council to proceed with the design phase of the trail. The consensus of a majority of the committee members was to have Ayres & Associates develop a preliminary design for \$17,375.

Director's Report:

- Hoerth gave a brief report of sessions he attended at the WPRA Convention in early November.
- Department Usage & Financial Stats for November were distributed.
- Hoerth reported that New London was one of 15 communities chosen to receive the Wisconsin Bird City award.
- The Public Works department is researching options for the purchase of fuel for all City vehicles.
- The engineer Hoerth has been working with for the VGB (pool drain) upgrades is not completing his work on this project. The committee gave its approval for Hoerth to find another engineer to get this project done.

Agenda Items for Next Month: community garden, cement pad for roller derby.

Dean moved to adjourn, seconded by Schulz, at 6:32 p.m. Motion carried with all ayes.

Chad R. Hoerth
Director of Park & Recreation