

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
July 6, 2010

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rob Way, Bob Besaw, John Romberg, Dennis Herter, Lori Dean, Bob Marcks

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Tiffany Schulz (excused)

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Rec Director Chad Hoerth, Administrator Kent Hager, Janet Searl, Lee Rousseau, Tammy McCartney, Josh Christianson, Julie Blohm, Diane Montgomery, and Mark Baetke

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

Herter moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Romberg, motion carried 6-0.

Dog Park. Last month the committee toured three possible sites for a dog park. After some discussion, the committee removed the land by Walmart from consideration. Pros and cons of the woods behind Floral Hills Cemetery and the land at River Road were discussed. The consensus was to have Hoerth develop plans for both sites showing an aerial view of 5-7 acres, noting the layout of the acreage, parking area, section for smaller dogs, etc. Concerned citizens will be asked to help in the planning process.

Memorial Park Vietnam War Plaque. Last month it was brought to Hoerth's attention that a group of students from Emanuel Lutheran School was asking the Common Council to consider adding the name of Edward V. Eiden to a Vietnam War Memorial plaque located in Memorial Park. Hoerth noticed that the Jaycees had dedicated the plaque in 1981; he contacted them to see what they would like to do about it. The Jaycees will discuss it at their upcoming meeting and the committee will then consider what they would like to do after that.

Hatten Stadium Renovation. The group involved with renovating the Stadium is looking to call themselves the "Hatten Stadium Foundation." They will be applying for a 501c3 status from the IRS and are working on obtaining their non-stock incorporation papers from the state. Hoerth is helping them create an RFP for a consultant to draw up a master plan. There is a possible donor to fund this consultant. When a plan is created the Foundation will bring it to the Park & Recreation Committee for approval. The committee gave its support for the Foundations plan.

Park Usage Ordinance #9.15. City Attorney Earl Luaders is obtaining information from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and will provide a recommendation for this ordinance at a future meeting.

Director's Report.

- Hoerth reported that Dan Neely completed 41 years of service with the City on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Department Usage & Financial Stats: Hoerth pointed out how important swimming lessons are, noting the significant increase in pool revenue. Also Camp Hatten had an increase in number of participants this year.
- July is Park & Recreation Month and there will be an Open House on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Member's Report. Herter was asked if there could be an arrow/sign showing the way to Memorial Park from the Kwik Trip. He was also asked why the Day Care children were asked to state where they lived when they went to the pool one day. That was due to the need to determine whether they were residents or non-residents.

Agenda Items for Next Month: Dog park, plaque at Memorial Park.

Dean moved to adjourn, seconded by Besaw, at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried with all ayes.

Chad R. Hoerth  
Director of Park & Recreation