

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
May 3, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Way, Lori Dean, John Faucher, Dennis Herter, Bob Marcks, and Henrica Bult

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Besaw (excused)

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Gary Henke, Ron Steinhorst, Tom O'Connell (in 6:10 p.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT: Chad Hoerth, Parks & Recreation Director; Kent Hager, City Administrator; Janet Searl, Administrative Assistant; Sara Mendoza, Cassie Chrudinski, and Greg Stilen

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

Dean moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Herter. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment. None.

Discuss Proposal for donation of Gazebo/Band Shell at River Trail Park. Chad Hoerth was contacted by Margie Stilen regarding donating funds to build a gazebo along the Wolf River in memory of her son, Greg Stilen, Jr. Hoerth was looking for committee input and approval of the idea before having the family proceed with any detailed planning or fundraising for the project. The committee thought it was a great idea. There was some discussion of location (River Trail Park, Bernegger River Walk) and issues that would need to be addressed, such as parking and electricity. The family will continue fundraising and meet with City representatives to come up with a plan.

Agreement with American Red Cross. This is an update to an agreement signed in 2010 to allow the Red Cross use of the Washington Center Community room and gym for an emergency shelter.

Dean moved to recommend to Council to approve the American Red Cross Shelter Agreement, seconded by Herter. Motion carried 6-0.

\*Director's Report

- Department Usage & Financial Statistics for April were handed out.

\*Upcoming/Past Events

- New London Youth Baseball tournaments will be May 13-15, May 20-21, and June 3-5.
- New London Girls Youth Softball tournament will be June 3-5.
- Raise Up New London Sandbox Fill is May 15.
- American Legion Memorial Day Observance is May 30.
- The Chevy Classic Car Show is June 5.

\*Progress Update for Projects

- The energy efficiency study for the NL Aquatics and Fitness Center should wrap up at the end of April; Hoerth should have a report for next month's meeting.
- The shower upgrade at the pool will take place during pool shutdown from May 8 thru 24.
- Hoerth has the RFP ready to be sent out for the boat launch ramp extension project.
- A replacement dock has been received for the west bay, middle dock at Riverside Park; staff will install it when they have a chance.
- Hoerth will be meeting with local groups to see if there is interest in a community-build project for playground equipment at Pfeifer and Franklin Parks.
- There was a ground breaking ceremony for the City garage, with digging to begin soon.

Chairman's Report. Rob Way had attended a transportation meeting and wondered if our senior bus program was meeting the needs of the senior population of New London. At this time Hoerth felt it was adequate but additional resources may need to be given with an increase in the aging population.

Committee Member's Report. John Faucher said there was going to be an ADA accessible kayak launch dedication at Black Otter Lake on Saturday. The Northeast Wisconsin Paddlers will be launching at the New London Utilities on Saturday and making the trip to Shaw's Landing. Chad Hoerth will be giving a welcome to the group.

Tom O'Connell would like the City to consider sponsoring a bus for Senior citizens to attend the Waupaca County Fair.

Dean moved to adjourn, seconded by Herter at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Chad R. Hoerth  
Director of Park & Recreation