CITY OF MENASHA
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Council Chambers, City Hall – 140 Main Street
May 11, 2009
DRAFT MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chr. D. Sturm at 6:05 PM.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Suttner, Mary Francis, Chr. Dick Sturm, George Korth, Tom Konetzke, Nancy Barker
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ald. Jason Pamenter
OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Tungate, Asst. Park Superintendent Alix, Mayor Merkes, Mike King, The Post Crescent, Ald. Mike Taylor, Paul Brunette, Stan Sevenich, Tori Pitsch, Paula Pitsch and Jeff Jorgenson, Menasha Police Department

C. MINTUES TO APPROVE

1. **Minutes to Approve:**
   Moved by G. Korth, seconded by N. Barker to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2009 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA
Five (5) minute limit for each person.

1. Jeff Jorgenson from the Police Department spoke about the number of calls for service at Hart Park. His concern was the type of calls, not necessarily the volume of calls. Since April 13 there have been 10 calls for service. He may have some park eviction recommendations forthcoming.
2. Stan Sevenich spoke in support of replacing the rims at Hart Park. He does not see the correlation between the basketball rims and the troublemakers in the park. Both he and Jeff Jorgenson agree that when there is an adult presence in the park, few if any problems exist.

E. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

1. **Park Project Update – Asst. Park Superintendent Alix**
   Asst. Park Superintendent Alix reported several ongoing park projects including: pool start-up, west diamond fencing, Jefferson Park shorewall repair, east diamond electrical work and 6-8 tree removals.
2. **Park Superintendent Hiring Update – PRD Tungate**
   PRD Tungate stated that a new Park Superintendent should be named very soon. Tentative agreement has been reached with a candidate.
3. **PRD Tungate Absence at June 8, 2009 Board Meeting**
   PRD Tungate told the Board that he will be on vacation for 13 days in June. The vacation was approved by the Mayor and he assured the Board that all pool and recreation start-up work would be complete prior to his June 8 departure.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Ald. Wisneski's E-mail Regarding St. Mary Central Championship Sign**
   N. Barker presented a letter in opposition to Ald. S. Wisneski's e-mail expressing displeasure with the Board's approval of the St. Mary's girls basketball championship sign at 441/ Calder site.
2. **Hart Park Well – Ass. Park Superintendent Alix, PRD Tungate**
   Asst. Park Superintendent Alix reported that the well at Hart Park has been temporally capped. A public information meeting will be held at Hart Park in August to seek input on the impact of permanently closing the well.
3. **Jefferson Park Pavilion – Boulder Placement and Painting – Ald. Pamenter**

PRD Tungate reported that Ald. Pamenter had suggested painting the Jefferson Park pavilion and possibly adding boulders to restrict vehicles from cutting through to Kargus Drive.

4. **Jefferson Shorewall Repair/Permitting Process**
Staff is still awaiting DNR direction on how they can proceed with shorewall repair.

5. **Student Involvement on Park Board**
PRD Tungate reported a positive response form Menasha High School principal Larry Haase about student involvement on the Board. PRD Tungate will draft a position description for Board review.

6. **Friendship Trail – Oneida to LP Update – PRD Tungate**
Not much to report on the Friendship Trail – Oneida to LP. Staff is still awaiting any response from Gary Hanson, the DNR's regional trails coordinator.

7. **Open Meetings Law – CA Brandt's Response**
CA Brandt's e-mail concerning the Open Meetings Law was received by the Board.

8. **Jefferson Park Ball Diamond – Ron Suttner**
R. Suttner commented on field and scoreboard lights being out on the west diamond.

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Recommend Rule Change to Allow Disabled Veterans to Apply for Reduced Rates**
Motion by N. Barker, seconded by G. Korth to approve a change to the reduced season pool pass and recreation activity program that would allow any disabled adult veteran, regardless of residency, to apply for a reduced price season pool pass, boat launch parking pass or recreation program. Motion carried 6-0.

2. **Recommend Approval of Otto Grunski Event – July 24-25, 2009 – Jefferson Park – James Taylor, Community Forward, Inc.**
Motion by N. Barker, seconded by G. Korth to approve Otto Grunski Festival to be held on July 24-25, 2009 in Jefferson Park. Motion carried 6-0.

3. **Recommend Approval of Jamie Schwerin Memorial Softball Tournament – June 26-28, 2009 – Jefferson Park Tori Whitlinger-Pitsch**
Motion by T. Konetzke, seconded by R. Suttner to approve the Jamie Schwerin Memorial Softball Tournament on June 27-28, 2009 in Jefferson Park. Motion carried 6-0.

4. **Recommend Approval of Son Runner Event – June 20, 209 – Curtis Reed Square/Main Street Greenspace – Paul Brunette, Menasha Action Council**
Motion by R. Suttner, seconded by N. Barker to approve the Sun Runner event on June 20, 2009 in Curtis Reed Square/Main Street greenspace. Motion carried 6-0.

5. **Recommend Action Related to Basketball Rims at Hart Park**
Motion by R. Suttner, seconded by N. Barker to put the Hart rims back up in two months instead of one. Motion failed 3-3 on a roll call vote.

   Second motion by T. Konetzke, seconded by G. Korth to put the rims back up as originally planned on May 15. Motion carried 6-0.

6. **Recommend Summer Meeting Locations and Temporary Secretary for June Meeting**
M. Francis agreed to serve as secretary for the June meeting. Locations for summer meetings will be: June: Jefferson Park, July: Smith Park, August: Hart Park, September: Barker Farm Park.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Five (5) minute time limit for each person.

1. No one spoke

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by G. Korth, seconded by T. Konetzke to adjourn at 7:59 PM. Motion carried 6-0.