

CITY OF MENASHA
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Hart Park Shelter, 700 Seventh Street, Menasha
August 10, 2009
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chr. D. Sturm at 6:01 PM.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Suttner, Tom Konetzke, George Korth, Chr. Dick Sturm, Nancy Barker, Ald. Jason Pamenter

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mary Francis

OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Tungate, PS Maas, Ald. Eric Hendricks and Laurie DeVillers representing the ThedaCare picnic

C. MINTUES TO APPROVE

1. **Minutes of the July 13, 2009 Park Board Meeting**

Moved by G. Korth, seconded by R. Suttner to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2009 Park Board meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

2. **Minutes of the July 22, 2009 Park Board Meeting**

Moved by Ald. J. Pamenter, seconded by G. Korth to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2009 Park Board meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Five (5) minute limit for each person.

1. Ald. J. Pamenter stated this would be his last meeting. He will be resigning as alderman.

E. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

1. **Park Project and Vandalism Update – PS Maas**

PS Maas gave a summary of recent park projects which included: no park vandalism last month, rubber mats installed at Jefferson diamond batters boxes, inside of pavilion was painted, support beams (west side) at the Smith Park pavilion were repaired, east side repair to be done in September, pool drain repair, which was mandated by Federal legislation, is still being planned for this fall.

2. **Large Park Projects Remaining for 2009 – PS Maas**

Other large projects coming up include: fencing work at Jefferson Park, tree removals, pool drain work, Koslo parking lot repair, Harborhouse staining.

3. **Recreation Program Update – PRD Tungate**

PRD Tungate reported that summer recreation programs are winding down. The City Carnival is Tuesday, August 11 and the August 8 Grunski Runski was successful despite the less than ideal weather conditions.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **2010 Parks and Recreation Budget**

PRD Tungate gave a summary of several areas within the 2010 budget that will likely be changed or reduced. Recreation playground programs will be changed to become more cost effective, Grunski Runski co-sponsorship with the YMCA is being explored, reducing park overtime spending, Koslo ball diamond sponsorships and/or fee increases, summer school agreement for swimming lessons, sponsorships at the pool and tree trimming funds potentially available from Menasha Utilities.

2. **Future of the Menasha Swimming Pool**

The rumors around the community about the possible closing of the Menasha Pool was

discussed. The Board wondered how this rumor got started. Members reiterated their belief that the pool is a quality of life issue that a community offers its residents and not everything the city offers has a benefit to every individual. Pool staff is asking pool users to express their feelings to their aldermen or PRD Tungate.

3. **Status of User Behavior at Hart Park**

The past month at Hart Park has been quiet. No major problems that PRD Tungate was made aware of. Some changes to the group of skatepark attendants has occurred. The hope is that some changes can be implemented to the attendant program going into the next season.

4. **Update on New Joint East Side Park**

City staff will work on a right of first refusal document for the landowner to consider. This would clarify the interest the three communities (Appleton, Menasha and Harrison) still have in acquiring a property for a future joint park.

5. **Update on Gilbert Site Redevelopment**

Two grant applications were unsuccessful in the effort to redevelop the Gilbert site. Other grants and private donations are critical to assist in developing the site for private and public use. Concept plans are still being worked on and should be ready by this fall.

6. **Vending/Sponsorship in City Parks – Chr. D. Sturm**

The Board reviewed the current ordinance which essentially prohibits private sales of concessions and other merchandise in city parks. Board members seemed to support the idea of changing the ordinance to at least allow this to occur with some guidelines. PRD Tungate will look into drafting a revised ordinance.

7. **Painting Interior of the Jefferson Park Pavilion and Mud Holes South of Pavilion – Ald. J. Pamerter**

Pavilion interior painting has been completed. Mud holes south of the pavilion will have wood posts installed to prevent people from cutting the corner.

8. **Alcohol and Dogs in Smith Park – July 4 – N. Barker**

Many alcohol users and dogs in Smith Park on the 4th of July.

9. **Frisbee Golf in Smith Park – R. Suttner**

Frisbee golf was discussed. Some possible locations were discussed. Portable goals are a possibility. PRD Tungate will check on a local course contact person.

10. **Reinstating Sunday Morning Swim**

A petition from a list of morning swim supporters was discussed. The group would like Sunday morning swim hours reinstated for 2010. Pool staff believes that Sunday should be a less structured program day. The Board felt some compromise hours could be re-established.

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. **ThedaCare Picnic – September 17-20, 2009 – Jefferson Park**

ThedaCare picnic was discussed. Laurie DeVillers answered questions on the event which will be held for the third consecutive year. PRD Tungate will bring the fee the event is charged to next months meeting. Moved by Ald. J. Pamerter, seconded by G. Korth to approve the ThedaCare picnic on September 19, 2009 in Jefferson Park. Motion carried 6-0.

2. **Hart Park Well**

Motion by Chr. D. Sturm, seconded by G. Korth to recommend permanently closing the well in Hart Park. Motion carried 4-2.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Five (5) minute time limit for each person.

1. Ald. E. Hendricks commented on the litter around the skatepark in the morning.

2. G. Korth asked why there are very few trash cans in Jefferson Park.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by G. Korth, seconded by T. Konezke to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Motion carried 6-0.