

CITY OF MENASHA
Parks and Recreation Board
Smith Shelter – 140 Main Street
September 8, 2014
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chr. D Sturm at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chr. Dick Sturm, Nancy Barker, Sue Pawlowski, Ald. Michael Keehan, Tom Marshall, Lisa Hopwood, Cindy Schaefer-Kemps

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Tungate, PS Maas, Larry Konetzke, Tom Konetzke, Gary Coopman, Michael Taylor, Ald. Dan Zielinski, Tim Gosz (Menasha Utilities Water Dept), Ellen Bucholtz, 733 Second St.

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. **Minutes of the August 11 and August 21, 2014 Park Board Meetings**

Motion by L. Hopwood, seconded by N. Barker to approve the minutes of the August 11 and 21, 2014 meetings

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM OF CONCERN ON THIS AGENDA

Five (5) minute time limit for each person.

1. M. Taylor spoke about the need to look into rehabilitating the playing field and consider several other upgrades to the Koslo Park baseball field. Also mentioned was the recent success of the Menasha Twins Legion and Menasha MACS teams and suggestions on how field improvements could possibly be funded. T. Konetzke stated that the Koslo baseball field was starting to fall behind in terms of quality from most other fields he has been to. Infield improvements are the #1 priority in his mind, followed by the need for a new backstop. G. Coopman and L. Konetzke spoke about things like: the bullpen area, home plate tarp, field watering system, net on top of the backstop, press box, new speakers, amplifiers and bleachers.

E. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/OR CONSULTANTS

1. **Department Report** – PRD Tungate reported that the Seafoodfest/Fireworks event seemed to go well. Attendance for the fireworks display was estimated to be around one quarter of the normal July 4th fireworks show. Numerous fall/winter programs are starting the week of September 8 or 15.
2. **Park Project and Vandalism Report** – PS Maas reported that the crew was spending time cutting grass. Some work has also been done at the Gilbert site in preparation of the upcoming trail project.
3. **Gilbert and new park site update** – PRD Tungate reported the Gilbert project should be bid out by late September. Progress has been made with Menasha Rotary on becoming a major partner with the City for the development of the new eastside park. The first likely step in park development would be to purchase and install play equipment with help from the Rotary.

F. DISCUSSION

1. **Summary of condition of Winz Park:** Tim Gosz (Water Utility Manager – Menasha Utilities) T. Gosz gave a summary of the condition of the deck and walls of the clearwell and the hard surface recreation area on top. Recently, the deck drains and sidewalls have been repaired. Park works also assisted MU staff by caulking cracks on the entire top deck. Some water leakage is still occurring from the top down and is finding its way out the side walls. T. Gosz mentioned some possible ways of sealing the top deck and possibly removing recreation access to the top deck. PRD mentioned it would be very costly to resurface the entire top deck back to its originally intended uses. E. Bucholtz stated the park still sees some use, but she believed the top deck is probably larger than it needs to be. Conversation was held on the possibility of utilizing the new open space across the street from Winz Park, on the land where the water tower previously stood. MU would like a decision soon from the Park Board and City on whether or not they plan to continue to maintaining the top deck of Winz Park. Conversation was also held on the potential of maintaining a smaller area on the top deck for recreation. Basketball seemed to be the top desired recreation activity amongst the group. The Board would like to hear from more people in the neighborhood and would like staff to set up a public input meeting in the near future.
2. **Koslo Park – upcoming visit by field expert Craig Schendler:** PRD Tungate told the Board that Mr. Schendler was coming to Koslo Park on September 11 to review the baseball field. He was recommended to staff as a person with a lot of experience and knowledge about baseball diamond maintenance. Staff has spoken to Mr. Schendler and believe it will be beneficial to hear what Mr. Schendler has to say about alleviating some field concerns, primarily in the infield area. All field user groups have been invited to the meeting.

G. ACTION ITEMS- None

H. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Pawlowski, seconded by T. Marshall to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Motion carried.