

CITY OF MENASHA
Park Board
Council Chambers, City Hall – 140 Main Street
October 13, 2008
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chr. Dick Sturm at 7:50 PM following the workshop presented by Green Sky Energetics regarding the potential for adding a solar water heating system at the pool.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chr. Dick Sturm, Ron Suttner, Mary Francis, George Korth, Tom Konezke, Nancy Barker, Ald. Michael Taylor

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Tungate, PS Huss, Ald. Kevin Benner

C. MINTUES TO APPROVE-MINUTES

1. **Minutes to Approve:**

Moved by G. Korth, seconded by T. Konezke to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting. Under Roll Call/Excused Absences section, Ald. M. Taylor requested that the minutes be revised to state that he left the meeting at 7:15 PM to attend an American Legion meeting. Motion to approve the minutes with this revision carried 7-0.

D. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

1. **Park Project Update**

Some paving near the Jefferson Park boat landing trailer parking lot will begin the week of October 20. Some welding has been done to the Jefferson Park shorewall. Ald. Taylor commented that a section in front of the pavilion is sticking out and needs repair. Painting of the pool tank has begun. The Park crew did the sand blasting as a cost savings measure. Barker Farm Park access trail is nearly complete. Isle of Valor signage was also discussed. The Board was in favor of a small brown and white sign showing the location of the Isle of Valor Memorial.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Options for Hart Park Well**

Options for the Hart Park well were discussed. The well has been closed for approximately 2 months due to vandalism issues. No one has called to complain about the well being down. Discussion ensued on whether or not the well could be used by the Park Department as a non-portable water source to flood the ice rink and for watering plants in the summer. Board members questioned whether there would be sufficient flow volume or velocity. The cost of converting the well for this purpose was also questioned. Item will be taken up again next month.

2. **Update on Fee in Lieu of Parkland Ordinance Revision**

PRD Tungate will contact CA Brandt about moving ahead with changes to the fee in lieu of parkland ordinance. Mayor Merkes is also aware of the Board's desire to see this ordinance changed as quickly as possible.

3. **Vehicles Parked on Grass**

PRD Tungate read an e-mail from a Fox Cities Marathon official regarding two Saturn cars being parked on the grass in Jefferson Park. The official has assured the Department that this will not happen again next year.

4. **2009 Budget Update**

PRD Tungate reported that the Mayor has reviewed the budget. Mayor Merkes may need to cut some budgets, but has not made any significant cuts to the Parks and Recreation budgets at this time.

5. **Late Night Seasonal Laborer**

PS Huss reported on the success of the late night seasonal caretaker position. He thought the position was beneficial and should be continued.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Recommendation for the Hart Park Well**

No action was taken. Action on this item was held.

2. **Partial Lot on Province Terrace**

Moved by T. Konezke, seconded by R. Suttner recommending that the city retain a small piece of greenspace near the water retention pond along Province Terrace. The site will likely be maintained with stormwater utility funds. Members thought the site could be used as a small wayside type greenspace near the trail along Province Terrace.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE CITY

Five (5) minute time limit for each person

1. Ald. M. Taylor – stumps near the entrance to Jefferson Park along Broad Street, East Shelter still in need of electrical circuit upgrades.
2. N. Barker – Calder sign needs some landscape maintenance, same with Memorial Building interior ceiling inside the Historical Society.
3. T. Konezke – should not cut the grass near the Province Terrace greenspace.
4. G. Korth – inquired about a no right turn sign on Third Street near the Reserve building.
5. Chr. D. Sturm – commented on the “Goth” letter to the editor in *The Post Crescent*.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by T. Konezke, seconded by N. Barker to adjourn at 9:47 PM. Motion carried 7-0.