

**CITY OF MENASHA**  
**Park Board**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall – 140 Main Street**  
January 12, 2009  
**MINUTES**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Dick Sturm, Ald. Michael Taylor, Mary Francis, George Korth, Tom Konetzke, Nancy Barker

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ron Suttner

OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Tungate

**C. MINTUES TO APPROVE-MINUTES**

1. **Minutes to Approve:**

Moved by G. Korth, seconded by N. Barker to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008 meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

**D. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS**

1. **Park Projects Update**

PRD Tungate, filling in for PS Huss, gave a brief update on some park projects. Snow removal, ski trail and ice rink maintenance top the list at this time. The Board was also informed that PS Huss would be leaving his employment with the city.

2. **Recreation Program Update**

PRD Tungate gave a recreation report.

a. **2009 Fee Changes Next Month**

Fees for 2009 will be brought forward for the Board to review next month.

b. **Smith Park Winter Gala**

Planning is continuing for the fifth annual Smith Park Winter Gala scheduled for Saturday, February 7. More professional snow sculptors and increased event advertising are changes for this year's event.

3. **Joint Park Resolution Neighboring Community Update**

PRD Tungate briefed the Board on the Town of Harrison and Appleton's plan to consider a resolution for a joint park on the City of Menasha's far east side. Both communities appear ready to pass the resolution already approved by the City. CDD Keil and PRD Tungate will be meeting with the Calumet County Parks Commission in hopes of convincing the County to become a partner in a regional park.

4. **Fee in Lieu of Parkland Increases**

The new fee in lieu of parkland charge is now in effect and will have a positive impact on increasing the current fund balance for future park development.

5. **Friendship Trail – North Shore Road to Fire Lane #12**

PRD Tungate also briefed the Board on the Town of Harrison's effort to convenience Calumet County to maintain a new proposed Friendship Trail segment from North Shore Road to Fire Lane #12. A \$300,000+ Federal trail grant could be in jeopardy if the two sides can not come to some agreement.

**E. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **None**

## **F. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Election of Officers for 2009**

Motion by N. Barker, seconded by G. Korth to nominate D. Sturm as Chairperson. No other person was nominated. Nominations were closed. The vote was 6-0 to select D. Sturm as Park Board Chairperson for 2009.

Motion by G. Korth, seconded by N. Barker to nominate T. Konetzke as Vice-Chairperson. No other person as nominated. Nominations were closed. The vote was 6-0 to select T. Konetzke as Vice-Chairperson.

### **2. Hart Park Well**

Considerable discussion was held regarding the ultimate fate of the well in Hart Park. It was concluded that PRD Tungate would contact the newspaper to try and have an article written that could illicit more public response about how people really feel about the well and if they still use it. The general feeling was that not many people use the well anymore. A number of possible reasons were discussed. If a newspaper article does not bring a significant public response, the Board would like to proceed with capping the well permanently this summer.

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

Five (5) minute time limit for each person

1. N. Barker stated Isle of Valor sign near Memorial Building is still needed.
2. N. Barker asked if ceiling repair in the Historical Society side is still in the planning stage.
3. Ald. M. Taylor stated shorewall repair still needed in Jefferson Park. Low, clear water makes for good visibility.
4. Status of damaged port-a-potty in Jefferson park was questioned.

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by G. Korth, seconded by N. Barker to adjourn at 7:56 PM. Motion carried 6-0.