

CITY OF MENASHA
Park Board
Council Chambers, City Hall – 140 Main Street
February 9, 2009
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chr. Dick Sturm at 6:06 PM.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ald. Michael Taylor, Ron Suttner, Chr. Dick Sturm, Tom Konetzke and Nancy Barker

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mary Francis and George Korth

OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Tungate, Ald. Kevin Benner

C. MINTUES TO APPROVE-MINUTES

1. **Minutes to Approve:**

Moved by T. Konetzke, seconded by N. Barker to approve the minutes of the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

D. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

1. **Park and Pool Project Update**

PRD Tungate reported on a recent meeting with Bill Rollins, a pool engineer/architect that the city has been working with for several years. Much of the meeting was in regard to complying with a new federal law called the Virginia Graham Baker Act (VGBA). This new law mandates that all public pools re-engineer and change its suction outlets (main drains) to meet new federal standards. Revised plans must be submitted to the State for review. Compliant grates and other equipment is not yet available. As soon as they are available (maybe in March) plans will be drafted and submitted by Mr. Rollins. It is expected that work would begin this fall after the pool closes. From what the consultant has heard, public pools must be documenting its progress in a good faith effort to comply. An option which could serve to comply with VGBA and reduce the plunge pool water and chemical needs will also be explored. A report will be made to the Council when more information is available.

The Smith Park Winter Gala held on February 7 was very successful. It was our estimate that over 200 participated throughout the day. Warm weather seemed to positively impact the attendance.

2. **Update on Selection Process for New Park Superintendent**

PRD Tungate gave a brief update on advertising for a new Park Superintendent. The hope is to have a new person on board by late April.

3. **Upcoming Meeting on February 12 with Calumet County Parks Commission – Joint Park Idea**

PRD Tungate and CDD Keil will attend the February 12 meeting of the Calumet County Park Commission. They will lobby to have Calumet County participate in a regional park and have them support the Town of Harrison's request to have the County assume maintenance of the proposed Friendship Trail from North Shore Road to Firelane #12.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **2009 Fees and Charges for Parks and Recreation, Marina, Forestry and Cemeteries**

All proposed fee changes for 2009 were discussed. Emphasis was on the boat launch and swimming pool. Daily rates at the pool are proposed to be reduced to 2005 levels. The Board thought this would be a good way to promote the pool for this year. It was pointed out that this would be reviewed on a year by year basis to gauge its effectiveness and impact on revenues. Transient docking fees were proposed to be raised by \$.10. A new tent permit fee is proposed for

2009. Ald. Benner commented that he would like to make sure that the person making the reservation is not inconvenienced by having to stop at too many city departments. A tent permit would only be required for larger tents, not the typical EZ up tents. The fee would offset Park Employee time when marking irrigation lines, etc.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Recommend 2009 Fees and Charges to the Common Council

Motion by T. Konetzke, seconded by N. Barker to recommend approval of the 2009 fees for Parks and Recreation, Pool, Marina, Forestry and Cemeteries as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Five (5) minute time limit for each person

1. Ald. M. Taylor commented on the Winter Gala and suggested the city remove a section of loose shoreline binwall in Jefferson Park while the water was shallow and clear. Repairs to the stage and East Diamond electrical upgrades were also mentioned.
2. T. Konetzke was happy to hear the Winter Gala was a success, likes the fees that were recommended.
3. N. Barker stated the Memorial Building ceiling repair project was completed. PRD Tungate apologized for not informing the entire Board about former Park Superintendent Bob Huss' going away events. Board members did contribute towards the purchase of a nice plaque for him.
4. R. Suttner asked about the status of the Gilbert site.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by T. Konetzke, seconded N. Barker by to adjourn at 7:50PM. Motion carried 5-0.