

CITY OF MENASHA
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Council Chambers, City Hall – 140 Main Street
July 13, 2009
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Vice Chr. T. Konetzke at 6:05 PM.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chr. Dick Sturm, Ron Suttner, George Korth, Tom Konetzke, Nancy Barker, Ald. Jason Pamerter and Mary Francis

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Rippl – Seafood Fest, Mayor Don Merkes, Wa Meng Lee and David Popke – Student Visitors, PRD Tungate, PS Maas

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Introduction of New Park Superintendent, Vince Maas

Vince Maas was introduced as the new Superintendent of Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries.

2. Minutes to Approve:

The following revisions to the June 8, 2009 meeting were made: Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM, G. Korth moved and N. Barker seconded the motion to approve the May 11, 2009 minutes, this motion carried unanimously, meeting time ended at 6:45 PM. A motion was made by G. Korth, seconded by N. Barker to approve the revised minutes for June 8, 2009. Motion carried 6-0.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Five (5) minute limit for each person.

1. No one spoke.

E. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

1. Park Project and Vandalism Report – PS Maas

PS Maas gave a report on the park projects and vandalism. Pool is functioning well mechanically, tuck pointing and some minor block repair work will be occurring at the Smith Park pavilion, second 441/Calder sign was installed. It is hoped that the Jefferson Park shoreline repair work can be done before the Otto Grunski festival, cap stone repair work being done along the Riverwalk. Some large oak tree limbs and dying trees should be removed from Smith Park. PS Maas will bring back a recommendation. One vandalism incident at Hart Park was reported. Estimated value was \$355.40. G. Korth suggested some trimming of shrubbery north of the Smith Park pavilion before repair work is undertaken.

2. Hart Park Report from Police Department

The Board reviewed written comments by CPO Jeff Jorgenson about recent calls for service at Hart Park. General comments included: taking down one hoop may be a good incremental step towards helping the situation, hiring older attendants is a good idea, the people watching the basketball games (not usually the players) may be part of the problem, talking with Stan Sevenich prior to taking any action is a good idea, current group of attendants have been less effective than in past years, having the PD hire or become more involved with the attendant program was suggested, PD has used some directed patrol at Hart Park, use of K-9 unit was effective at the park, but there appears to be a scheduling shift issue with using the K-9 unit when it's busy at Hart Park. After a lengthy discussion it was suggested that an ad-hoc committee be appointed by the Mayor to explore multiple ideas towards solving the problems at Hart Park. Mayor Merkes was agreeable to this.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Jefferson Park East Parking Lot

The condition of the Jefferson Park east parking lot was discussed. Some work was done in 2008, however, the Board is concerned with the condition of the lot. PRD Tungate will look into the possibility of city crews patching the worst sections along with some other areas they are already planning to do.

2. 2010 Parks and Recreation Budget – 2009 Budget Attached

Copies of the 2009 budget were distributed. Some potential revenue ideas were discussed. The Board will discuss the 2010 budget at their August meeting.

3. Maintenance of Smith Park Burial Mounds – N. Barker

Smith Park burial mounds were discussed. The Park Caretaker will go back to keeping the grass on the mounds a little longer so they are easier to identify.

4. Tree Health – Chr. D. Sturm

D. Sturm committed on the condition of 10-12 ash trees in Jefferson Park. PS Maas stated that ash trees are susceptible to sporadic die back and the Park Crew will look into trimming the dead limbs.

5. Board Member Items for the August Meeting at Hart Park

Items for the August meeting are requested by Board Members:

- N. Barker – report of alcohol consumption and several dogs at Smith Park during the July 4, 2009 fireworks, boats and dog shows in city parks
- D. Sturm – vending in the parks, Park Department's thoughts on how the July 4th celebration ran in Jefferson Park and any suggestions for improvement
- Ald. J. Pamenter – remedy for mud hole near trail at Jefferson Park pavilion, painting interior of Jefferson Park pavilion
- G. Korth – asked PS Maas to report on larger park maintenance projects scheduled for the rest of the year

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider Action to Help Alleviate Problems at Hart Park

No action taken.

2. Seafood Fest – September 11-12, 2009 – Jefferson Park – Dan Rippl

Dan Rippl, described this year's event. Inflatable games may be placed on the west diamond, this year the proceeds, estimated at between \$10,000-\$15,000, will go towards lighting and trail enhancements on the segment on the west side of the Heckrodt Wetland Reserve. Organizers also have an improved recycling plan in place. Moved by N. Barker, seconded by G. Korth to approve the Seafood Fest event on September 11-12, 2009 in Jefferson Park. Motion carried 7-0.

3. R & R Tournament – August 7, 8, 9, 2009 – Jefferson Park – Kathy Beyer (to be received)

No action taken, but Park Board is willing to set a special meeting if necessary to accommodate the R & R Softball tournament.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Five (5) minute time limit for each person.

1. No one spoke.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ald. J. Pamenter, seconded by G. Korth to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Motion carried 7-0.