

CITY OF MENASHA
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Smith Park Pavilion – 301 Park Street, Menasha
August 9, 2010
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chr. D. Sturm at 6:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chr. Dick Sturm, Alderman Mark Langdon, Lisa Hopwood, Tom Konetzke, Ron Suttner and Nancy Barker

MEMBERS EXCUSED: George Korth

OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Tungate, PS Maas, Stan Sevenich, Mike King – *Post Crescent*, Scott Grese – WFRV-TV

C. MINTUES TO APPROVE

1. **Minutes of the July 12, 2010 Park Board Meeting**

Moved by T. Konetzke, seconded by R. Suttner to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2010 Park Board meeting with one revision to paragraph E2 to add that "T. Konetzke commended G. Korth on his efforts in landowner discussions regarding the regional park.". Motion carried 6-0.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Five (5) minute limit for each person.

1. Stan Sevenich spoke about the basketball rims being recently removed from Hart Park due to problems with youth fights. He stated the action was understandable. In addition, he stated that sometimes the problem people come from outside the community. He believed the police dealt with the matter and they should continue to go after the people who do bad things.

E. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/ YOUTH LIAISON OR CONSULTANTS

1. **Park, Pool and Vandalism Report – PS Maas**

PS Maas reported no significant park vandalism has occurred in the past month, a lot of grass cutting due to the rain, some skatepark repairs were made, stump grinding by contractor is occurring, new panel was purchased for the scoreboard at Koslo Park, street tree inventory is about 95% complete, park trees have yet to be done. Fall tree planting is scheduled and a plan to create better drainage of the Koslo Park infield is being formulated. Trail landscaping and lighting west of Heckrodt Wetland Reserve should begin soon.

2. **Regional Park Update – PRD Tungate, G. Korth**

PRD Tungate gave a regional park update. Negotiations with an interested landowner along Manitowoc Road have come to a standstill. There appears to be no intent on behalf of the landowner to sell the land at this point. Staff from the other interested communities will be meeting soon to discuss an alternative plan. The outcome of this meeting will be reported next month.

3. **Youth Liaison Report – Kirstyn Kennedy**

Board Youth Liaison Kirstyn Kennedy has been in contact with PRD Tungate. Her plan is to begin designing a short teen newsletter with information about parks and recreation. Distribution would occur sometime in the fall.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **2011 Department Budget – PRD Tungate, PS Maas**

The Board was asked to give feedback on the upcoming 2011 Parks and Recreation budget. A summary of these comments include: pursuit of grant funding for a portion of the Gilbert site and trail development east of Oneida Street, continue planning for a park acquisition with Appleton and Town of Harrison, continue seeking sponsorship opportunities at Koslo Park, 2010's program has

not been well received perhaps due to the economy. Continue to spruce up and budget for needed mechanical upgrades at the pool, second year of funding for a new boiler will be included. Continue to keep seasonal wages in check.

2. **Pool Attendance Figures – PRD Tungate**

PRD Tungate reported that pool attendance thru July was at 16,115. 2009 attendance was 20,968. PRD Tungate believes 2010 attendance will end up higher than 2009. Close to 100 additional kids have signed up for swimming lessons. In general, the pool is having a good season so far.

A. **Communication with Neenah/Menasha YMCA Regarding Possible collaboration – PRD Tungate**

PRD Tungate stated that discussions have been held with the Neenah/Menasha YMCA about the possibility of the Y operating the non-maintenance functions of the pool. The thought is perhaps there could be some cost savings in doing this. It is still very early in the process. It is hoped that some sort of draft proposal could be ready for next month's meeting.

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Recommend Follow-Up Department Action Regarding Recent Temporary Removal of Basketball Rims at Hart Park**

Moved by R. Suttner, seconded by N. Barker to reinstall the basketball rims at Hart Park on August 16. Discussion on the topic included: a question about how much of the current problem is coming from out of town youth, can or should the Police Auxiliary start to have a presence at the park. This has been pursued by PRD Tungate. A concern that current problems could escalate into a bigger problem or incident. A feeling that it would be nearly impossible to provide park supervision to eliminate any problems from occurring. PRD Tungate stated that something must change in the park and a balance between providing recreation services and decrease police services required at the park should be the goal. It was pointed out that the city currently provides five full court basketball courts in the city, not including Hart Park. Chr. D. Sturm and others urged setting a meeting this week with representatives from the Police Department, Park and Recreation staff and Board members. PRD Tungate will attempt to facilitate this meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Five (5) minute time limit for each person.

1. T. Konetzke commended PS Maas and the Park Crew for doing a great job of preparing Koslo Park infield after rainfall.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by T. Konetzke, seconded by R. Suttner to adjourn at 8:58 PM. Motion carried 5-0 (L. Hopwood and N. Barker were excused prior to the end of the meeting).