



**CITY OF BURLINGTON PARK BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013, 6:30 P.M.
2200 S. Pine Street, Burlington, WI 53105**

Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt, Commissioners Jennifer Amborn, Clay Brandt, Ruth DeLay, Jeff Schopp, Peter Turke, Alderman Bob Prailes, DPW Supervisor Dan Jensen, P.E.

Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Clay Brandt, Jeff Schopp, Alderman Bob Prailes, DPW Supervisor Dan Jensen and Chairman Eisenhardt. **Excused:** Commissioners Jennifer Amborn and Ruth DeLay. **Absent:** Commissioner Peter Turke.

Approval May 16, 2013 Minutes: Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion for approval of the May 16, 2013 Meeting. Motion to approve made by Alderman Prailes. Seconded by Commissioner Brandt. All voted aye, motion carried.

Introduction of two new Park Board Members: Jennifer Amborn and Jeff Schopp

Jennifer Amborn was excused from this evenings meeting.

Jeff Schopp was introduced to the Park Board members and welcomed by Chairman Eisenhardt.

Citizens Comments: None

Aldermanic Report, Bob Prailes: Alderman Prailes apologized for his absence for the past few meetings, but reported he had been involved with soccer and other projects.

DPW Supervisor Report, Dan Jensen: Dan Jensen, DPW Supervisor reported the Park Development Fund with a balance of \$134,380.85, in addition to the following information:

The Echo Lake Dam sidewalk had been repaired, with the involvement of the DNR.

The planting of grass along Milwaukee Avenue has been postponed until after the 4th of July.

Fireworks will be shot off at the Chocolate Fest Grounds on Thursday, July 4th.

Arbor Day had been rescheduled for May 31, 2013. Aaron DeGrave, Park Foreman and Joe Phillips each planted trees with the assistance of two groups of children, who had a good time.

Painting of Park bathrooms has begun, starting with Echo Park.

The railing from Milwaukee Avenue to Jefferson to Bridge Street, along the River walk, had been repainted and concludes the work on the railings for this year. A separate section of 450 feet will be completed next year as the second of a three year project.

New Business:

Election of Park Board Vice President: Chairman Eisenhardt introduced for election of a Park Board Vice President, in addition to President. After a brief discussion, Chairman Eisenhardt made a motion to nominate Clay Brandt as Park Board Vice President. Chairman Eisenhardt presented the question three times if there was anyone who wanted to nominate anyone else for Park Board Vice President. There were none.

There being no other nominations for Park Board Vice President, Chairman Eisenhardt asked Clay Brandt if he would accept the nomination and he responded he would. Motion to elect Clay Brandt as Park Board Vice President made by Alderman Prailes. Seconded by Commissioner Schopp. All voted aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Clay Brandt nominated Darrel Eisenhardt for Park Board President. Seconded by Alderman Prailes. There were no other nominations. All voted aye, motion carried.

United Way – Request to use Park for Learning Walk: Coleen Benkendorf, the Western Racine County Manager was present to ask the Park Board's permission to install a Born Learning Trail on the pathway of Echo Park. A presentation was given showing the importance of early childhood education and how the Learning Trail helps parents, caregivers and communities create early learning opportunities for young children.

Ms. Benkendorf stated that Bob Miller, Mayor and City Administrator Kevin Lahner were both in favor of the Born Learning Trail. The Burlington Community Fund also is being supportive in they are also financially supporting the project.

The Born Learning Trail is comprised of kits that allow installation to be done easily by volunteers, set up by United Way. Costs were presented with the estimated grand total at \$2734.15. There are metal signs in groups of 10, mounted on wooden posts. There would be a Welcome sign at each end, allowing the start of interaction to begin in each direction. Along the path there would be difference creative activities encouraging involvement for children and their caregivers.

Items not covered by United Way would be the wooden posts, which they hope would be provided by in-kind donations. Spanish language is encouraged for the signs, with an additional cost of \$1625.00. United Way is currently seeking donations from anyone interested for all or any portion of costs involved.

There are currently two Learning Walk trails in Racine. One trail at West Park and one at North Beach Park. Both trails have signs on the front and back of posts so that fewer posts were used and they can be read from either direction. The concept of Learning Walk trails has been nationwide for 10 years.

All Park Board members thought it was a great idea, but were concerned about future maintenance. Ms. Benkendorf assured the Park Board that maintenance would be maintained by United Way, when contacted by the City of Burlington notifying them maintenance was needed. The paint that will be used for the project is highway paint, which should have a better longevity than regular paint.

If approved, the kick off date for the project would tentatively be September 7th, with a ribbon cutting ceremony set for September 22nd.

After some discussion, Alderman Prailes motioned to allow the United Way to build a Learning Walk in Echo Park as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Schopp. All voted aye, motion carried.

Ms. Benkendorf thanked the Park Board for their time on such short notice, and for their approval. Dan Jensen, DPW Supervisor asked that they contact him prior to any work being started.

Old Business: None

Other: Darrel Eisenhardt distributed the Baseball 2000 Summary of Receipts and Disbursements.

There being no further items for discussion, Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Brandt. Seconded by Commissioner Schopp. All voted aye and Chairman Eisenhardt adjourned the meeting at 7:38 P.M.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

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