

**City of Burlington
Official Minutes
Joint Meeting
Park Board and Common Council
Robert Miller, Mayor
Beverly R. Gill, City Clerk
July 20, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Park Board Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. starting with roll call. Commissioners present: Clay Brandt, Tom Follis, Kelly Kamlager, Todd Schalinske, Peter Turke

Aldermen present: Bob Prailes, Ed Johnson, Peter Hintz, Jim Prailes, Jeff Fischer, Steve Rauch Excused: Katie Simenson

Also present: City Attorney John Bjelajac, Administrator Kevin Lahner, Utility Director Connie Wilson, Department of Public Works Supervisor Dick Pieters, and Mr. Blake Tyson of Schreiber Anderson Associates, Inc.

Mayor Bob Miller arrived at 5:43 p.m. and Alderman Tom Vos arrived at 5:53 p.m.

2. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MINUTES FOR JUNE 17, 2010

A motion was made by Alderman Bob Prailes with a second by Todd Schalinski to approve the June 17, 2010 minutes. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4. ALDERMANIC REPORT

None

5. DPW SUPERVISOR REPORT

Dick Pieters reported the fencing and surface at the tennis court had been removed from Sunset Park. Rauch questioned if any consideration had been given to paving additional parking at Sunset Park. Lahner replied that it was not being considered at this time. Eisenhardt said that there has been a lot of discussion at the Park Board level regarding playground equipment for the tots and a warm-up area for baseball teams which would mean additional space would be needed.

Pieters also discussed the addition of a fence line on the first base side of Beaumont Field that had been added without his knowledge.

Pieters reminded Park Board members of the upcoming budget season and to keep in mind upgrades for Sunset Park.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Blake Tyson of Schreiber Anderson Associates was present for discussion on the "Open Space and Trails Plan" that was prepared by his company. Mr. Tyson explained this final presentation was the result of six months of public participation which included a site inventory analysis. He felt the biggest strengths that he had observed was the inter-agency cooperation with the city.

Peter Hintz questioned the absence of Karcher School's playground on the map. Hintz explained that the city had paid for the equipment which is actually located at one of the schools. Schreiber Anderson will update the map and distribute the corrected page.

Vos stated that he was a proponent of selling off parks that aren't being used. He questioned if staffing was part of this study. Mr. Tyson replied that it was not included. Vos then challenged the Park Board to analyze whether there is sufficient man power to maintain these parks.

Alderman Jim Prailes brought up the subject of putting in bathrooms at Riverside Park, but understood that the floodplain was an issue.

Lahner questioned Tyson regarding the rubberized surfaces that are available for playgrounds. Tyson's opinion was that mulch was still the best choice for a variety of reasons.

A motion was made to approve the Schreiber Anderson Plan by Alderman Bob Prailes with a second by Alderman Tom Vos. With all in favor, the motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Bob Prailes with a second by Commissioner Brandt to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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