



CITY OF BURLINGTON PARK BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013, 6:30 P.M.

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 6:33 P.M. on September 19, 2013.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Clay Brandt, Peter Turke, Ruth DeLay, Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt and DPW Supervisor Dan Jensen. Excused: Alderman Bob Prailes and Commissioner Jeff Schopp. Commissioner Jennifer Amborn arrived at 6:36 P.M.

Approval August 15, 2013 Minutes: Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion for approval of the August 15, 2013 Minutes. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Turke. Seconded by Commissioner Brandt. All voted aye, motion carried.

Citizens Comments: None

Aldermanic Report, Bob Prailes: None

DPW Supervisor Report, Dan Jensen: DPW Supervisor Dan Jensen went over the two matching grant applications applied for by Blake Theisen of Schreiber and Anderson on behalf of the Park Board. The first one being a matching grant in the amount of \$45,000 for the Wehmhoff-Jucker Park Trailhead Development project and the second one also in the amount of \$45,000 for the Sunset Park Trail Development.

The Park Board members discussed the possibility of land being donated by KW Precast for the Sunset Park Trail Development for a bike/walking path. They asked Dan Jensen, DPW Supervisor to look into this possibility. They also discussed the possibility of the railroad donating right-of-way land on tracks that are no longer being used, that could also be used for the grant application projects. Mr. Jensen stated he would bring this information to Kevin Lahner, City Administrator, and ask if he would contact the owners to see if donating the land could be done.

After much discussion, the Park Board members agreed they would like to arrange to physically go out and look at each place and then make a determination. Dan Jensen, DPW Supervisor asked each board member to contact Deb Rintamaki via email to let her know what dates they have available during the week of September 23rd and once all information is received, a determination will be made what date is best suited for everyone's schedule, meeting at Sunset Park at 5:30 P.M. on the date determined.

Steve DeQuaker, Treasurer stated that although ideally he would like all budget items in by the end of September, he could wait until after the October Park Board meeting, when a decision has been reached regarding the grants.

Mr. Jensen distributed copies of the electrical site plan for the lighting that will be installed by the dam at Echo Park. The lights will change color over the water. This was approved through City Hall.

New Business:

Dog Park Balance Sheets: Deb Rintamaki presented the Dog Park balance sheets she had received from Carolyn Robbins, President, showing an ending balance of \$2685.37.

Park Development Fund Application

Congress Fence Project – Bill Greskiw and Tom Aldrich

Mr. Greskiw and Mr. Aldrich were in attendance to present the Park Development Fund Application for the Congress Field Fence Project. Mr. Greskiw stated the cost was much more than they anticipated, and the project needed to be completed prior to any spring games being played.

Dan Jensen, DPW Supervisor had spoken with Kresken fence and the total amount of the project would be \$2198.00. The Application amount applied for being \$1100.00, with the remainder to be paid out of the DPW budget.

After some discussion, Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to approve the project as presented with payment of \$1100.00 to be paid from Park Board Funds. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Turke. Seconded by Commissioner DeLay. All voted aye, motion carried.

Mr. Greskiw and Mr. Aldrich thanked the Park Board for their approval and added that Congress field, because of the great condition that it is kept in, adds a lot to the Burlington community. He stated that it is a field that all teams like to play on and by moving the fence it will allow home games to be played there next spring by meeting the standards set forth by the WIAA.

Burlington Area Garden Club – Sign for Rain Garden at Echo Park

Commissioner Ruth Delay asked that this item be tabled and put on the agenda for the October Park Board meeting. Commissioner Delay stated the Girl Scouts were interested in making it their project to put a sign by the rain garden in Echo Park explaining what it was and what plants were planted there.

Old Business:

2014 Capital Expenditure Items: Chairman Eisenhardt stated the two grant applications were items from the Five Year Plan, and unless someone had a suggestion regarding other items from the listing, he felt the Park Board should visit the locations for the grants they applied for and were approved before moving onto other items. All were in agreement.

Commissioner Ruth DeLay stated she had someone ask her about a disk golf course. Dan Jensen, DPW Supervisor stated this item was looked at previously, but it was not one of the high priority items from the current Five Year Plan. However, Mr. Jensen felt if the Park Board decided to add a disk golf course to their plan, St. Mary's Park would be a better choice over other parks suggested.

Update on fence removal at Bushnell Park – Hard Ball Diamond: Dan Jensen, DPW Supervisor reported that his crews would be removing the fence on Friday, September 20, 2013. This was being

done to facilitate a soccer practice field and allowing the field on the north side of Bushnell to remain in good condition for games.

Other Items:

Park Board Fund Balances – Steve DeQuaker, Treasurer

Steve DeQuaker, Treasurer reported the Park Board Fund balance sheets. The projected fund balance at 12/31/13: \$110,746.92. Mr. DeQuaker reminded the Park Board that they had allocated \$50,000 of their funds for the Bushnell Soccer Fields.

United Way of Racine – Born Learning Trail, Echo Park

Chairman Eisenhardt stated there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, September 21st for the Born Learning Trail at Echo Park beginning at 10:00 A.M. Chairman Eisenhardt will be attending and encouraged other Park Board members to also attend.

Baseball 2000 Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt presented the Baseball 2000 Summary of Receipts and Disbursements with an ending balance of \$10,644.34.

There being no other items for discussion, Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Turke. Seconded by Commissioner DeLay. All voted aye and Chairman Eisenhardt adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

**Deb Rintamaki
Department of Public Works**