

PARK BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, May 20, 2010, 6:30 P.M.
165 West Washington Street, Burlington, WI 53105

<p>Chairman Darrell Eisenhardt, Commissioners Clay Brandt, Tom Follis, Kelly Kamlager, Todd Schalinske, Peter Turke, Alderman Bob Prailes, DPW Supervisor Richard Pieters, Students Paul Dixon and Mac Sheperd</p>
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Chairman Eisenhardt called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Clay Brandt, Tom Follis, Kelly Kamlager, Peter Turke, Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt, Alderman Bob Prailes and DPW Supervisor Richard Pieters. Excused: Todd Schalinske. Absent: Students Paul Dixon and Mac Sheperd.

Approval of April 15, 2010 Minutes: Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion for approval of the April 15, 2010 Minutes. Motion to approve made by Alderman Prailes. Seconded by Commissioner Kamlager. All voted aye, motion carried.

Citizens Comments: None

Aldermanic Report: Alderman Prailes reported that Kevin Lahner, City Administrator stated there were 120 responses to the questionnaire on the City's web site asking citizen input for their vision of future park needs. Alderman Prailes also reported that the draft copy of the comprehensive park plan would be available for the June meeting.

DPW Supervisor Report: DPW Supervisor Richard Pieters reported that DPW crews were busy with Chocolate Fest preparations in addition to keeping up with mowing. The Seasonal help will be starting in the next week or so, which will help with getting the mowing done in a timely fashion.

New Business

- 1. Election of Officers:** Chairman Eisenhardt called for nominations from the floor for Park Board Chairman. Nomination for Darrel Eisenhardt made and accepted. Commissioner Follis entertained a motion to elect Darrel Eisenhardt as Chairman of the City of Burlington Park Board. Seconded by Alderman Bob Prailes. All voted aye, motion carried.

Chairman Eisenhardt called for nominations for Vice President. Nomination made and accepted for Peter Turke. Commissioner Kamlager motioned to elect Peter

Turke as Vice President of the City of Burlington Park Board. Seconded by Alderman Prailes. All voted aye, motion carried.

2. **Dog Park Committee/Fund Status for Storage Shed:** Angie Halverson was present representing the Dog Park Committee. She stated Elsa Braun was unable to attend as she was stuck in traffic in Milwaukee. The Dog Park Committee was hopeful that the Park Board would be willing to donate money towards the cement that was poured around the electrical panel inside the Dog Park.

Alderman Prailes asked for past and future Monthly Budget Reports of the Dog Park Committee be provided at June's Park Board meeting. He stated once their budget information could be reviewed, the Park Board would then determine if they would be willing to donate any money.

3. **Echo Park Gazebo Repair/Bobbie Wagner:** Mayor Miller was present with Bobbie and Dick Wagner. They proposed to restore the gazebo at Echo Park. They stated they have been working with Tom Stelling to come up with a plan to coordinate the look of the gazebo with the Veteran's Terrace and the Echo pavilion.

The cost to do the project would be paid for by the Wagner's, and they would provide materials and labor. The estimated time for completion would be prior to the end of July.

Originally they wanted to put storage under the building, but the low height made it unfeasible. They also thought possibly extra lighting, with rope and ground lighting, and metal covers to protect the lights in the gazebo from vandalism.

the Park Board members were all in agreement that the gazebo needed refurbishing, and thanked the Wagner's for their generous offer to take on such a project and pay for it.

Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to approve the restoration as presented. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Kamlager. Seconded by Commissioner Follis. All voted aye, motion carried.

4. **Tree in memory of Slade Baker, Wanasek Corp., John Wanasek:** A letter was sent to the Park Board from John Wanasek asking to plant a tree in memorial of Matt Baker's son, Slade Baker, the boy that drowned in the Fox River in January. They also requested to place a concrete or other sturdy bench near the tree with a memorial marker on it, which would be donated by the Lyons Lion Club. A picture was provided showing the spot between two trees where the tree would be planted, and the bench placed.

All Park Board Members thought it was a very nice gesture. Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to approve the placement of the tree and bench as

presented. Motion made by Commissioner Kamlager. Seconded by Commissioner Turke. All voted aye, motion carried.

5. **Flower Garden at Steinhoff Park:** Chairman Eisenhardt stated this was an idea he had. He thought it a good park to plant perennials in. The Garden Club may be willing to help with maintaining it, in addition to planting and providing flowers and plants.

Aaron DeGrave, Park Foreman, stated that there would have to be a large amount of compost brought into the area to provide better soil for growing conditions. He was also concerned with the maintenance of such plantings. Chairman Eisenhardt stated that perhaps in the future it could be something they could look into.

Old Business:

1. **Status of Lighting at Beaumont Field:** The lighting at Beaumont is completed. All were in agreement the new lighting made a huge difference. Mayor Miller stated \$25,000 had been donated for the lights from the Oneil Family Foundation, and that amount would be deducted from the total owed by Baseball 2000.
2. **Status of Storage Shed at Dog Park:** Angie Halverson stated that there would be volunteers to paint the shed, and paint over the graffiti probably this weekend.
3. **Update on Comprehensive Park Plan:** Alderman Prailes reported the draft copy of the comprehensive park plan would be available for the June meeting.
4. **Playground equipment at Little League Park:** Kelly Albrecht of Little League presented her ideas she had been obtained for playground equipment at Little League Park. She had obtained a price from Miller and Assocs. for \$40,000. She also had gotten a price on playground equipment from Menard's at a price of \$9999.00.

The Park Board stated the problem with buying it from a place such as Menard's would be a liability issue. When a qualified company does the installation, they assume the liability for any future claims. If the City, or volunteers install the equipment, the Baseball League or the City would have to assume the liability, something that would be very costly. Ms. Albrecht also stated they would like to see ADA tables in addition to children's tables.

Deb Rintamaki will check back to see what was previously budgeted for the playground equipment.

5. **Status of Tennis Area at Sunset Park:** Aaron DeGrave spoke with Scott Beneke from Wanasek and he had no problems with removal of all the fencing. The Park Board told Aaron he could proceed with removing the fencing as discussed at the April Park Board meeting.

Other Items:

1. Kelly Albrecht of Little League stated the Little League concession stand roof at Branen was leaking. Alderman Prailes stated they were aware of it, and in addition the electrical needed upgrading. The cost was
2. Andrew Krismer of Eagle Scout Troup 334 came to get permission from the Park Board to repair the boat racks on Rockland Lake and possible clear away some of the weeds so the lake would be more visible from the road. He also stated possibly putting up a sign when the boat racks were complete.

The Park Commissioners thought the boat rack idea was a good one. However, any weed or other plant removal would not be allowed as this is something the DNR does not permit. They also instructed Mr. Krismer that he would need DNR approval prior to moving forward with anything being done there.

Mr. Krismer understood, and once he had all approvals necessary, he would come back to the Park Board with a definite plan and time frame. He had hoped to start the project in late summer.

Chairman Eisenhardt recommend Mr. Krismer contact the Lions Club, as they have worked on all other items at McCanna Park, and was sure they would be willing to donate to this project also.

Chairman Eisenhardt thanked Mr. Krismer and entertained a motion to recommend approval to move forward obtaining proper DNR approval, and once approval has been granted; Mr. Krismer should come back to the Park Board with definite plans. Motion made by Commissioner Turke. Seconded by Commissioner Brandt. All voted aye, motion carried.

3. Commissioner Turke stated the Journal Times had called him regarding a story they wanted to do on dog parks. Commissioner Turke stated he provided him with information and gave contact information for additional information he was unsure of.
4. Commissioner Kamlager stated she had received calls from several people who were very happy with the ice-skating at Echo Park this past winter. She thought it would still be a good idea if some type of warming hut could be placed on site, in addition to a ramp for walking down. Richard Pieters, DPW Supervisor stated there was plans for next year to put a walking ramp down the riprap area.

Alderman Prailes stated the Kiwanis had discussed building a shelter for the ice skaters. He will pursue this and get back to the Park Board members.

5. Richard Pieters, DPW Supervisor stated an Ordinance had been approved by the Common Council regulating the time of the Parks to reflect all the same time. The Council decided on 5:00 AM until 10:00 PM. Originally the time was

presented as 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM, but it was decided the earlier time to allow persons fishing to be in the parks during early hours.

There being no further items for discussion, Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Kamlager. Seconded by Alderman Prailes. All voted aye, and Chairman Eisenhardt adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Deb Rintamaki
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