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**CITY OF BURLINGTON PARK BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014
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 6:34 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Clay Brandt, Jeff Schopp, Alderman Bob Prailes, DPW Supervisor Dan Jensen and Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt. Also present: Steve DeQuaker, City of Burlington Treasurer. Excused: Jennifer Amborn and Ruth Delay. Absent: Commissioner Peter Turke.

Approval of September 18, 2014: Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to approve the September 18, 2014 Minutes. Motion to approve made by Alderman Prailes. Seconded by Commissioner Brandt. All voted aye, motion carried.

Citizens Comments: City of Burlington resident Joe Weis who resides by Devor Park was present. Mr. Weis wanted to convey his thoughts regarding the removal of the basketball court at Devor Park. Mr. Weis felt the basketball court should remain. The Park Board thanked Mr. Weis for his comments.

Aldermanic Report, Bob Prailes: Alderman Prailes reported the City would again be placing \$25,000 into the Park Board Funds for 2015. Alderman Prailes stated there was discussion at the City Council Budget Meeting about charging out-of-town people a fee to play sports in Burlington. This was discussed at length regarding the difficulty of trying to administer charging fees and may be discussed at a later date.

Steve DeQuaker, Treasurer Report: Mr. DeQuaker distributed the Park Development Fund Revenues and Expenditures and reviewed it the Park Board Members. A copy of this report is attached to the Minutes.

DPW Supervisor Report, Dan Jensen: Mr. Jensen reported DPW crews are continuing to trim and remove trees. Leaf collection has begun and will be in full swing soon. Mr. Jensen also reported that the Wehmhoff-Jucker pavilion and restroom project was coming along and completion was expected to be the second week in November.

New Business:

Bill Milatz and Mark Quilling/Baseball: Bill Milatz was present with Mark Quilling and Dennis Busch to discuss various baseball issues. Mr. Milatz introduced Mark Quilling who is the current contact person for Women's Softball.

Monument for Beaumont-Ginger Field /Bill Milatz for David Stalker: Mr. Milatz presented a picture of a monument that they would like to place at Congress Field in honor of Ginger Beaumont. Mr. David Stalker, who is a baseball historian has been going to various communities since 2005, and placing monuments for players and teams as part of his "Early Baseball through Deadball Era Memorial Series".

Mr. Milatz and Mr. Busch would seek donations or hold a fund raiser to obtain funding, with the possibility of coming back to the Park Board to ask for funding at a later date. The approximate cost would be \$2000.00. They would like to place the monument in the grass area between the restrooms and concession stands. The dedication would take place at the 2015 Hall of Fame induction.

After some discussion, Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to approve the concept of the monument, with Mr. Milatz coming back to the Park Board with a design and placement. Motion to approve made by Alderman Prailes. Seconded by Commissioner Schopp. All voted aye, motion carried.

Mr. Milatz also requested the use of Congress Field for 2015, at the current rate of \$50.00, per game for the Milwaukee Metro League. Mr. Milatz stated teams come from all over southeast Wisconsin to play on Congress Field. He also asked Mr. Jensen to thank Aaron DeGrave, Joe Phillips, Jamie Regner and the seasonal employees for the fantastic job they do maintaining the baseball fields.

Discussion Regarding the use of the Kitchen at Echo Park Pavilion during a park reservation for an additional \$25.00 fee/Dan Jensen, DPW Supervisor: Mr. Jensen, DPW Supervisor stated that while the service organizations have used the kitchen located in the small pavilion at Echo Park, it has not been available for general public use. He has had several requests to use the kitchen and he was proposing to allow residents to use the kitchen during their park reservation at an additional fee of \$25.00.

The Park Board was in agreement that there should be a charge for use and after some discussion, Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion for approval of charging a \$25.00 fee for the use of Echo pavilion kitchen. Motion to approve made by Alderman Prailes. Seconded by Commissioner Schopp. All voted aye, motion carried.

Old Business:

Vote on Dogs Allowed in All City Parks: Chairman Eisenhardt stated that although Commissioners Amborn and Delay were not present at this evenings meeting, both had provided written statements of their opposition to allowing dogs in all parks. All were in agreement that the City already has an excellent Dog Park, and that the rest of the Parks should be for children to play in and adults to enjoy without dogs being present.

There was concern about dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs, not obeying a leash requirement and the concern of children getting bit. Deb Rintamaki, DPW Administrative Assistant had contacted sixteen communities to see if dogs were allowed in other City park and the majority did not allow dogs.

After some discussion Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to not approve a change to the current ordinance that would allow dogs in City of Burlington Parks. Motion made by Alderman Prailles. Seconded by Commissioner Schopp. All voted aye and the motion carried.

There being no further items for discussion, Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Brandt. Seconded by Alderman Prailles. All voted aye and Chairman Eisenhardt adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

**Deb Rintamaki
Department of Public Works**