



## CITY OF BURLINGTON

### Department of Public Works

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## CITY OF BURLINGTON PARK BOARD MINUTES THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016 6:30PM 2200 S. Pine Street, Burlington, WI 53105

Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt, Commissioners Jennifer Amborn, Clay Brandt, Lori Hintz, Jeff Schopp, Jill Stobben, Ald. Ruth Dawidziak, Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works, Student Rep: Nicole Witbrod

**Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.**

**Roll Call: Present:** Commissioners Jennifer Amborn, Clay Brandt, Lori Hintz, Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works, Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt and Student Representative Nicole Witbrod. Excused: Jeff Schopp. Absent: Ald. Ruth Dawidziak and Jill Stobben.

**Introduction of Park Board Commissioner Jill Stobben:** Absent

**Approval of April 22, 2016 Park Board Minutes:** Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion for approval of the April 22, 2016 Minutes. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Hintz. Seconded by Commissioner Amborn. All voted aye, motion carried.

**Citizens Comments:** None

**Aldermanic Report: Ruth Dawidziak:** None. Arrived at 7:15PM.

**DPW Report: Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works:** Park Fund Balance: \$51,365.76.

Mr. Bergles requested an extension for the grant application for Sunset Trail. Although the extension is for one year, the year will not be needed. Eighty trees were planted during the past week, and the fencing should be started within the next week.

Chairman Eisenhardt stated he had been on the new trail by Aurora and in some areas there was obvious erosion. Mr. Bergles stated he too had noticed it, and a solution could possibly involve re-grading the area or increasing the size of the stone. Mr. Bergles would like to see a 40 ft. portion of blacktop so it doesn't get washed out, but blacktop may present a problem in the winter by making that portion slippery.

Mr. Bergles also requested an extension for Wehmhoff-Jucker grant application to allow him time to complete the necessary paperwork.

Mr. Bergles reported that two Park Attendants have been hired and will be starting once they have passed their background checks. Three seasonal employees have returned to help with mowing and park maintenance.

Mr. Bergles stated that the bathrooms at Wehmhoff-Jucker were vandalized several nights in a row, so Aaron DeGrave, Park Foreman has them closed temporarily.

**New Business:**

**Girl Scout Troop 9182, Kathy Buse, Project Request:** Six girls of Girl Scout Troop 9182 from Dyer School came before the Park Board to request approval of one of two proposed projects. The first one proposed was sanding and painting picnic tables at Riverside Park. They estimated doing 10 tables and doing a couple each day. The second was to plant butterfly bushes around the sign at Riverside Park. They proposed planting butterfly bushes to attract butterflies and to add beauty to the area. They collected money through selling Girl Scout cookies and had gotten quotes for materials for both projects.

The Park Board members thanked the girls for their presentation and wished them well. They then left the meeting prior to a decision being made.

After some discussion, the Commissioners felt that planting butterfly bushes by the sign at Riverside Park would be the better choice for a project. Picnic tables had all just been repainted over the winter. Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to allow Girl Scout Troop 9182 to plant butterfly bushes at Riverside Park by the sign. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Brandt. Seconded by Commissioner Amborn. All voted aye, motion carried. Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works will contact Ms. Buse to advise her of the Park Board's decision.

**Old Business: None**

**Other Items:** Commissioner Hintz and Commissioner Brandt had received calls from Mr. Yopp on Adams Street who had wants three parkway trees removed. Mr. Yopp stated he had made contact back several years, and has had no response. Jim Bergles had talked to Mr. Yopp, and went to inspect his trees. The trees are healthy trees, and Mr. Bergles thought a precedent may be set by cutting down healthy trees. In addition there are over 300 ash trees that may present safety issues that need to be removed. Mr. Bergles stated Mr. Yopp had stated he would pay half for new trees, in addition to replacing the dirt after the stumps were ground. Mr. Bergles will contact Mr. Yopp after Chocolate Fest. Commissioner Hintz will advise Mr. Yopp of the time line.

Commissioner Hintz asked Mr. Bergles the status of the Gazebo at Echo Park. Mr. Bergles stated that the Scherrer Group had been working on the project. Commissioner Hintz asked if the gates had been put up that had been requested by the Park Board. Mr. Bergles stated they had not been. After some discussion, the Park Board asked Mr. Bergles to contact the Peter Scherrer Group to make sure the gate was installed to prevent liability to the City of Burlington.

Chairman Eisenhardt stated the black top on the walkway at Echo Park was raised up. Mr. Bergles replied it was probably due to weeks trying to grow through and that he would inspect it.

**There being no further items for discussion, Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Brandt. Seconded by Commissioner Hintz. All voted aye and Chairman Eisenhardt adjourned the meeting at 7:31PM.**

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Deb Rintamaki**

**Department of Public Works**