



**CITY OF BURLINGTON PARK BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019 6:30PM**

President Patricia Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Patricia Hoffman, Jason Ledbetter, Rosemary Dolatowski and Aldermanic Representative Steve Rauch. Also present: Peter Riggs, Director of Public Works. Excused: Commissioner Marilee Hoffman and Park Foreman Aaron DeGrave. Commissioner Jennifer Amborn was absent. Commissioner Clay Brandt arrived at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of September 19, 2019 Park Board Minutes: President Patricia Hoffman entertained a motion to approve the September 19, 2019 Park Board Minutes. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Dolatowski. Seconded by Aldermanic Representative Rauch. All voted aye, motion carried.

Citizen Comments: None.

Aldermanic Report: No report.

Baseball 2000 (BB2K) Report: Bud Milroy, BB2K, advised the board baseball season was ending and informed the board of the fall / winter projects BB2K was working on including fall / winter seeding of the field. Milroy also noted the right field flooding was still problematic along with the safety concerns about the about the wall erosion. Milroy advised the BB2K board discussed several possibilities to rectify this issue including shortening right field and adding fencing. Riggs suggested having a meeting with Milroy at the field next week to look into this issue further.

Director of Public Works Report:

Riggs advised the board Rotary's 2019 project was the park trail signage /kiosks. They were able to raise \$11,000 with three in kind donations, one for complete materials from Burlington Lumber and two from church organizations.

Riggs met with Burlington High School (BHS) Principal, Eric Burling, who advised the ACE students at BHS would cut and assemble all wood into kits. Riggs noted all kits are of a similar spec so for the most part would be the same. Riggs also noted all the material used would be local ash as well as repurposed utility poles. Installation points are still up for discussion in the coming months but would most likely include parks (i.e. new kayak launch at Riverside) as well as the entry point to the City. Riggs advised DPW would be storing all the lumber / kits until spring when City crew would dig the holes and Rotary would most likely have a day to assist with installation. Riggs also noted a future agenda item would include some sort of Rotary recognition on the kiosks.

Riggs advised the board that at the budget study session several items were discussed including:

- Wagner Park – applying for grant money as well as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money as well
- Dog Park hydrant – the City would be asking for a cost share with the Dog Park for the installation
- Bleacher funding for Beaumont
- Pickleball – possible construction of actual courts

Aldermanic Representative Rauch questioned if there was a possibility of bathroom installation at Wagner Park. Riggs stated if the City wanted to expand the trailhead use through that park then the addition of bathrooms would be warranted.

New Business:

A. Discussion regarding usage of the Congress Street & Bushnell Park ball diamonds for the women’s softball league as well as the status of the Milwaukee Metro women’s fast pitch softball league for the 2020 season.

Bill Milatz, representative for the women’s softball league, was present to request the use of the Congress Street & Bushnell Park diamonds for the 2020 season. Milatz also noted that the Milwaukee Metro fast pitch league was merging with another club league so as soon as he was made aware of when they needed the field he would advise the City.

Milatz noted at the Congress Street diamond there was a light above home plate that was not functioning if crews could take a look at.

Milatz also wanted to thank the City and staff for all of their hard work throughout the season keeping the field lined and grounds well kept.

President Patricia Hoffman entertained a motion to recommend the usage of the Congress Street and Bushnell Park ball diamonds for the women’s softball league for the 2020 season. Commissioner Brandt motioned and Commissioner Ledbetter seconded to approve the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

B. Discussion with the Burlington Pool Board regarding the possible installation of a beer garden at Devor Park.

Several members of the pool board including Darrell Eisenhart, Jeanne Otter and Alderman Bob Grandi were present to discuss the possible installation of a beer garden at Devor Park.

Eisenhardt advised the board that the four area service clubs including Rotary, Lions Club, Jaycees and Kiwanis assisted in building the original pool. Presently the pool is run by the Pool Board along with these clubs and are sustained by memberships and fundraising in order to keep it maintained. Providing the option of a very small, intimate beer garden would assist with the funding needed to maintain the pool.

Otter advised the board the pool increased membership in 2019 as well as had even more attendance than its opening year. This along with feedback from adult patrons of the pool sparked the idea of the beer garden. The goal of the beer garden would be to provide a small gathering area only accessible outside the pool that would serve alcohol and some minor food items. Tentative hours of operation would be Thursday & Fridays 5-8pm and Saturday & Sundays but could be changed. Otter noted the board felt this would be another great option for people to not only enjoy the pool but also to enjoy Devor Park.

Commissioner Dolatowski voiced her concern with adding alcohol to a park predominately occupied by children. Dolatowski also noted the hours of operation for the beer garden would conflict with the music in the park at Echo which she didn't feel was good to take away from that event that has been going on for quite some time. Otter reiterated the beer garden hours were tentative and the board was open to any and all suggestions for better times. Alderman Grandi noted the 25-45 year-olds were in favor of the beer garden option to allow for a relaxing environment for those not partaking in the pool activities but still enjoy the atmosphere.

Commissioner Hoffman questioned what the pools budget / revenue was. Alderman Grandi advised the Pool Board was still working on the cash flow numbers for 2019 but advised the pool made money both years as well as through fundraising and donations. He also noted that it costs approximately \$12,000 in order to open and close the pool each year. Otter advised this beer gardens seem to be the wave of what most communities are going to in order to keep their parks going. Alderman Grandi noted that the pool is doing well and the Pool Board's hope would be with the possible addition of the beer garden would enhance the pool and the park while providing additional funding for the future.

President Patricia Hoffman entertained a motion to recommend to the City Council the evaluation of the possibility of a beer garden at Devor Park. Commissioner Ledbetter motioned and Commissioner Brandt seconded to approve the motion. Commissioner Dolatowski voted nay. Majority were in favor and the motion carried.

Old Business:

A. Update regarding the installation of the pickleball court.

Riggs advised the board that the line machine was ordered and the lines would be painted on the tennis courts at Devor Park for the pickleball court. Riggs questioned what the general color scheme was and Commissioner Dolatowski advised it should be blue. Riggs noted he may have Park Foreman Aaron DeGrave contact her to ensure the colors were accurate. Commissioner Dolatowski noted that the net was higher for tennis than pickleball but if crews could leave the crank any players could adjust as necessary.

B. Update regarding the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) 2020-2025.

Riggs noted he was continuing to work with Blake from Ayres as well as Nick Faust, City Intern, regarding the impact fees. No further report at this time.

C. Update regarding the Riverside Improvement project.

Riggs advised the board that PSG has had some issues with flooding at the park which has given them a legitimate cause for delay. Riggs still anticipates they will be done with a majority of the work this year minus some paving work which may be weather dependent. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has provided all approvals for the installation of the blocks for the kayak launch and all remaining items regarding the project are in good shape.

Other Items: President Hoffman noted she would not be in attendance for the November meeting as well as Commissioner Dolatowski and both were concerned with a quorum issue. It was determined and email would be sent out in the coming weeks with some options on meeting times and to determine the boards availability for the remainder of the meeting for 2019.

There being no further items for discussion, President Patricia Hoffman entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Aldermanic Representative Rauch. Seconded by Commissioner Dolatowski. All voted aye, and President Patricia Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

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