

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY**  
**COMMISSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012**  
**DPW OPERATIONS CENTER**  
**2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sheila De Forest, Michael McNulty, Mark Preuschl,  
Mike Ramsden, Christopher Brown

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Roger Christiansen, Steve Ferger, Tia Johnson, Terry Lee Wilson

**STAFF:** Brian Ramsey, Larry Arft, Mike Flesch

**GUESTS:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called by Mike Ramsden at 6:32 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 11, 2011 MEETING**

Mark Preuschl wanted to correct a statement he made under "Committee Members Comments" by stating that he does not like the existing Riverside Drive Plan as presented last month. Mark Preuschl made a motion to accept the minutes with correction; seconded by Chris Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. Correspondence**  
Brian Ramsey presented the Correspondence Report
  
- B. Parks Report**  
Brian Ramsey presented the Parks Report.
  
- C. Horticulture Report**  
Brian Ramsey presented the Horticulture Report.

**D. Grinnell Hall Senior Center Report**

Brian Ramsey presented a list of events planned at Grinnell Hall.

**E. Special Projects**

Brian Ramsey presented the Special Projects. There was concern regarding a possible delay of the Dog Park Project due to increased funding needed to include the changes/revisions requested by the Commission. Mike McNulty thought that the proposal looked great. Mark and Sheila reiterated that the primary focus should be to establish the perimeter, including trees, as recommended by residents and the sub-committee. The fencing cost is \$10,720 (\$6/linear ft.) with the current proposal. Mike Ramsden stressed the need to do what we can this year within the budget and not delay the project. Chris suggested that the Commission wait to see what Design Perspectives comes back with before continuing discussion on the project; there was a consensus.

**F. Leisure Services/Recreation Report**

Brian Ramsey presented the Recreation Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Review and discussion regarding Conceptual Plan of Riverside Park North Gateway.**

Mike Flesch presented the Conceptual Plan of Riverside Park North Gateway. Mark voiced his concern that the entry plaza is aesthetically too large. Mike Ramsden questioned the necessity for the asphalt bike path. Sheila feels that the asphalt path curves up the park and the natural open area of the park is lost. Larry Arft explained that the sizing of the entry plaza is very appropriate for the space and the asphalt bike path connects the bike paths on Henry Avenue and Riverside Drive. Michael McNulty made a motion to accept the plan as presented without the planting mounds; seconded by Chris Brown. Motion carried 3-1.

**NEW BUSINESS – ACTION REPORT ITEM**

**A. Review and discussion regarding the Naming of the Designated Trail along Turtle Creek, located north of Shopiere Road.**

Brian explained that the sign would be placed off Creek Road on the northwest end. Chris suggested Shopiere Wood Trail because it designates the name of the road; Mark suggested Creek Road Trail for the same reason. Sheila and Mike agreed that it makes sense to select a name whose location is easily recognized. Mark made a motion to accept the name Creek Road Trail; seconded by Chris. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS**

- Mark did not realize that the walking trails were being cleared, which explains a call he received regarding trees being cut down on the Chatsworth Trail.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mark Preuschl made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Michael McNulty. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Matilda Purifoy.