

MINUTES
PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012
DPW OPERATIONS CENTER
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, БЕLOIT, WI

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Ferger, Tia Johnson, Terry Lee Wilson

STAFF: Brian Ramsey

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called by Roger Christiansen at 6:30 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 9, 2011 MEETING

Mike Ramsden made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Mark Preuschl. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Beth Bertelsen, 1316 Emerson Street, Beloit takes her dog to Rover Run in Machesney Park, IL. Based upon her experience, it is essential that shade and water are considered in the design of the dog park in Beloit.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: 2012 Dog Park Conceptual Design Plan Presented by Design Perspectives

Rob Martin of Design Perspectives presented the Master Plan and Phase 1 of the Leeson Park Dog Park. After much discussion on the Phase 1 design, the following are concerns/suggestions by Committee members:

- Perimeter of dog park
- Natural features that made area so appealing to sub-committee are not incorporated
- Fencing material and price
- Sacrifice/delay amenities which can be added later

- Emergency/maintenance access to dog park
- Parking
- Avoiding hillside and culvert areas
- Create a path connecting DPW parking lot to Leeson parking area

Rob Martin will consider the ideas suggested by the Committee in a redesign of Phase 1.

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.

F. Leisure Services/Recreation Report

Brian Ramsey presented the Recreation Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Sheila asked if the Parks & Open Space Plan was on the City Council agenda yet. Brian advised her that he is still working with Design Perspectives to schedule a convenient time when they can attend.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and discussion regarding Dog Park Conceptual Design proposal.

Recommendation/concerns presented.

B. Review and discussion regarding Conceptual renovation Plan for Riverside Park North Gateway.

Anna questioned whether the plan had changed since approval. Brian indicated that some of the plant beds had been eliminated to minimize maintenance. Concerns of the Committee were as follows:

- The asphalt path along river which cuts through park space
- Removal of unique trees in the circle
- Font size of the sign
- Size of the circle

The Committee expressed considerable opposition to the Riverside Park North Gateway Plan as presented. Mike Ramsden made a motion to table any decision on the Plan until the Committee has more time to look at the area, seconded by Mark Preuschl. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

- Mike welcomed Mike McNulty and Chris to the Committee.
- Mark likes the Dog Park Plan and Riverside Drive Plan with its modern bridge. He doesn't want to lose any of the beautiful foliage in either location and hopes we can work around them, if possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Christiansen made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Mike Ramsden. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Matilda Purifoy.