

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015
DPW OPERATIONS CENTER
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, БЕLOIT, WI 53511**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Johnson, Chad Larson, Carl Lange, Carol Mankiewicz,
Therese Oldenburg, Mark Preuschl, Anthony Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sheila DeForest, Mark Smullen

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Greg Boysen, Public Works Director

GUESTS: Anita Schenck
Heather Schenck
Angelee Hansel
Michaela Nime
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mark Preuschl at 6:35 p.m.

WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS:

- Anthony Stewart
- Carl Lange

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 11, 2015 MEETING

Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Carl Lange. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

OLD BUSINESS-

None

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION REPORT ITEM

- A. Review and consideration of a proposal from Lori Muller to fund a new Memorial Garden, in honor of her late mother, Elsbeth Heaney.** Brian has had several phone conversations with Ms. Muller, in regards to her proposal to develop a Memorial Garden in one of our city parks in honor of her late mother, Elsbeth Heaney. He requested more detail from her including size and location but she hasn't given enough concrete information to determine a proper location. Her emails were attached. Brian offered other avenues for Ms. Muller such as buying a park bench, a tree or a brick down at Riverside Park and she wasn't very interested in those things. She still wanted to go with the Memorial Garden. He explained to her that we currently have more than enough areas with landscaping that require maintaining and that having a memorial at Riverside Park would not be feasible. Riverside Park west was suggested to her and she declined it because she felt that no one would see it. She also suggested Big Hill Park and Brian indicated that won't work either. Therese suggested that since Mrs. Heaney was involved with the historical society maybe a memorial for her could be placed in the Hanchett-Bartlett House and Mark suggested at the Historical Society property. Brian invited her to attend the meeting tonight and she didn't know if she would be able to make it. Brian suggested Riverside Park West, and Mechanics Green Park. Therese suggested maybe we hook her up with Jennifer from Friends of Riverfront and she may be able to work with that group around the Rotary Center. Mark Preuschl made a motion to table the offer and Brian makes other options to her seconded by Chad Larson. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Review and consideration of the proposed schedule for the annual Parks Tour.** The annual parks tour is here again. We will be touring the east side this year. Just like in previous years we will be having a light snack and beverages for our participants. We will meet at the Edwards Pavilion in Telfer Park Wednesday, July 8, 2015. Jeff Johnson brought up about how pushed back everything was last year and suggested starting earlier and having a boxed lunch so that we didn't have to waste so much time eating before leaving out. Therese suggested that we just stop at the most important spot at Riverside and be done to help save on time while Mark Preuschl suggested that we just skip the whole park. Jeff made a motion to start at 4:30 pm, have a box lunch on the bus and only visit one Riverside Park location seconded by Therese Oldenburg. Motion passed unanimously. Brian will provide an update schedule at the next meeting.
- C. Review and consideration of projects proposed for the 2016 CIP Plan.** The 2016 CIP Plan was presented and discussed in order to accept the 2016 proposed capital list as

presented or with modifications as agreed by the Commission. We have three years to spend funds once they are received. Generally, the Parks & Rec. Division receives no more than \$500,000 annually, and based upon priorities. Upon review with the CIP Committee, we may be required to make revisions based upon cuts; however, the 2016 CIP Proposals are based upon priorities. This is what's being presented. Jeff Johnson made a motion to include interpretive signage to Totem Park seconded by Therese Oldenburg. Motion passed unanimously. Chad Larson made a motion to accept the plan as modified seconded by Carol Mankiewicz. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Correspondence-** New appointments to the PARC. Attached for Committee review.
- B. Parks Report-** Attached for Committee review.
- C. Horticulture Report-** Attached for Committee review.
- D. Big Hill Center Acquisition:** Will be acquired on or before June 1st, 2015. Roof repairs have been done and we are seeking proposals to repair and paint the trim. The City Council approved leasing approximately 2,200 sq. ft. to the Welty Environmental Center.
- E. Other/Misc**
 - 1. July 4th celebration-** The contract has been initiated with Melrose Pyrotechnics for the Fireworks display, viewed from Riverside Park & the surrounding area.
 - 2. Pohlman Field/Snappers Clubhouse Improvements-** Carpeting in the clubhouse is being replaced, new plant material will be installed in the new planter boxes and new pea gravel will be installed as a safety surface for the playground.
- F. Recreation Report-** Attached for Committee review.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

- Chad Larson- Nothing except hockey is over.
- Carol Mankiewicz- Is happy and surprised that the orange fencing is down in Riverside. Will not be at next month's meeting.
- Therese Oldenburg- Tom Presney and Dean Painter are on the Rock County Park Commission and will be holding a meeting concerning erosion and Turtle Creek. Have asked the DNR to attend the next meeting so that they can know what can be done and can't be done and would also like Brian to attend.

- Mark Preuschl- The summer guide looks nice. Noticed that there is always one fountain not working at Riverside Park and there is a control panel leaning.
- Carl Lange- Discussed the map that he designed of Leeson's Park for the races that are held there and would possibly like to have a permanent start line marked. Brian Ramsey and Mark Edwards fixed a lot of potholes and areas of concern.
- Jeff Johnson- The Krueger Pool Triathlon will be held on Sunday, June 28.
- Anthony Stewart- Thanks for the welcome. It was an interesting meeting.
- Brian Ramsey- Accepted an award for the Rock River Coalition which is a city wide award. He was pleased and honored to accept it.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Johnson made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Chad Larson. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Travia Foy.