

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2016
DPW OPERATIONS CENTER
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI 53511**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Isaac Deforest-Davis, Jeff Johnson, Kristin Loehr, Carol Mankiewicz, Therese Oldenburg, Anthony Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carl Lange, Chad Larson

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Greg Boysen, Public Works Director
Marilyn Sloniker, City Council
Shelly Cronin, School District Rep

GUESTS: Alex Morganroth, Planning Services
Ariel Schoeninger, Teronomy Builders
Tony Larson, Teronomy Builders

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Johnson at 6:30 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 10TH MEETING

Carol Mankiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Therese Oldenburg. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION REPORT ITEM

- A. Review and consideration of Park Land Dedication requirements as related to the expansion and development of Hawk’s Ridge Apartments, located at 1750 Gateway Boulevard, Beloit WI.** The developers are required to provide dedicated parkland or monies in Lieu of land dedication as outlined in the City Municipal Ordinance, 12.11 Parks and Open Spaces. The Commission had two options related to the requirements and the staff recommendation was to accept the monies in Lieu of parkland @ 141/unit x

70.25 units = \$9,905.25 instead of having them provide 94,000 sq. ft. of dedicated parkland. There was discussion of the amount of units already built compared to how many more will be built in the area. There will be an additional 80 units built. Ariel with Toronomy Builders, explained the proposal of the park addition being added to the NE corner of the area where the buildings will be constructed. She explained that it would be a fenced in park area that can be used for the community as well as city residents. They would like to pay the parkland dedication fees upon occupancy of the properties. Alex will look into how the payment will be made and believes that wouldn't be a problem. Jeff Johnson made a motion to accept monies in Lieu of parkland @ \$1441/unit x 70.25 units seconded by Therese Oldenburg. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

B. Review and consideration of Park Impact Fees requirements as related to the expansion and development of Hawk's Ridge Apartments, located at 1750 Gateway Boulevard, Beloit, WI. The developer is obligated to provide park impact fees as outlined in the City Municipal Ordinance, 9.28 Fee Schedule. They must pay into the City treasury a fee as set out as a Park Impact Fee which will offset the capital cost of providing new or enlarged park facilities to serve residential development in the City of Beloit. The \$308.74 impact fee shall be imposed on each new dwelling unit to offset the capital costs associated with expanded, improved or new park facilities. The Commission had two options: to accept the developer's proposal in lieu of Park Impact Fees or them to deny the developer's request for credit towards Park Impact Fees as related to the construction of Recreation Facilities and require them to pay the Park Impact Fees according to the City Ordinance. The Park Improvement Fess would total \$24,699.20. Therese Oldenburg asked why the staff's recommendation was to choose option #2 and deny the developer's request. Brian explained that there is already a City park site near that area and that the new park site would be viewed a private site instead of a public site because it would be on the land of the apartment complex and fenced in. He explained that these plans really only serve the purpose of the developer. The funds that we are seeking can go towards improvements of other sites that we currently have. He offered the developers a list of vendors that could possibly give them a lower quote on playground equipment which may help them save money and the savings may off-set their fees. Jeff Johnson made a motion to deny the developer's request for credit towards Park Impact Fees as related to the construction of Recreation Facilities and require them to pay the Park Impact Fees according to the City Ordinance seconded by Carol Mankiewicz. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bike Trail Plan Report (Presentation by Mike Flesch, City Engineer)

Jeff Johnson inquired about how far along is the bike path plan, when will the gap finally be closed on Cranston Road and how much will it cost approximately? Mike stated that it would be about \$125,000 to close the gap. This project will hopefully be completed by next summer. It would go from Turtle Creek Subdivision to Shopiere Rd and depending upon funding/cost, it may end up being more of a sidewalk than a 10 ft. path. Also the Beloit-Janesville path was supposed to be shifted to an out year in the Capital Plan but hasn't heard the latest about that yet.

Things that have been pushed back can always be brought back to the forefront in the following year as we submit CIP request.

Jeff mentioned the Peace Trail in Big Hill park and how you can go from Walters Road and ride all the way through the park with a mountain bike. The Rock Trail Coalition has been speaking with Brent Foxx, Hendrix Holding. If they city will haul it, they have offered to give us about \$9,000 worth of gravel for free they have 269 tons of gravel fines. This will be discussed at a later date and time with Greg Boysen, DPW Director.

Director's Report

Attached for Committee Review.

Kristen Loehr asked if there was anything that we could do to stop the graffiti in the parks and vandalism. Brian stated that we haven't been able to stop or prevent vandalism as of yet however; the cameras that we use in certain parks are very small and are hard to view. Kristen also asked if there was a way to put a positive twist on it and have a specific place where kids could come to just do graffiti and make it a planned event to deter kids from drawing on other things. Brian stated that we may not have the proper resources to start something like this but is willing to check with other communities and see how they've handled this type of activity. She suggested that we put the word out to art students, or the community that there is a place designated that they could go and paint their art.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

- Jeff Johnson- Was going underneath the Portland Bridge and seen that it was cleaned up since the last time he was under there. It looks great!
- Therese Oldenburg- Was at Totem Park before Labor Day and the care of the mound didn't look very good. She provided a copy of proposed protocols and maintenance of Totem Mound from the DNR and suggested implementing these practices found a protocol that would be helpful and useful information. Mound sites are sacred and we should try to preserve the sites. Asked about signage for the park. Brian stated that we do have money for signage now and will be working on that soon, and he needs the name of the Professor at Beloit College who can assist with the narrative.
- Anthony Stewart- None
- Isaac DeForest-Davis- None
- Kristin Loehr- None
- Marilyn Sloniker- None

ADJOURNMENT

Therese Oldenburg made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Anthony Stewart. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Travia Foy.