

MINUTES
PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011
DPW OPERATIONS CENTER
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Christiansen, Sheila De Forest, Anna Kokity,
Pete Marino, Matt Parish, Mark Preuschl

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Ferger, Tia Johnson, Twinkle Patel,
Mike Ramsden, Brian Ramsey

STAFF: Dave Botts

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called by Chair Marino at 6:32 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 13, 2011 MEETING

Matt Parish made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Roger Christiansen.
Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Correspondence
None

B. Recreation Report
None

- C. **Parks Report**
Pete Marino presented the Parks Report.
- D. **Horticulture Report**
Pete Marino presented the Horticulture Report.
- E. **Grinnell Hall Senior Center**
Pete Marino presented a list of events planned at Grinnell Hall.
- F. **Special Projects**
Pete Marino presented the Special Projects.

DOG PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

Anna Kokity presented the Dog Park Committee Report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Review and consideration to accept the report and recommendation by the Dog Park Committee.**

Roger made a motion to adopt the recommendations of the Dog Park Committee; seconded by Sheila. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **Review and consideration of dates and scheduled park sites to visit for the 2011 Annual Parks Tour.**

Commission members agreed to tentatively set Wednesday, July 13, 2011, our regular Commission meeting date, as the date for the 2011 Annual Parks Tour. Members will contact Brian or Pete if they have a preference to visit parks sites other than the ones on the schedule. Matt suggested that we check the Snappers schedule to avoid any conflict with a game on this date.

- C. **Review and update of the 2011 CIP Plan.
Review and Consideration of the 2012 CIP Plan.
Review and Consideration of the 2012-2016 CIP Plan.**

The Commission reviewed the CIP Plan line by line and prioritized improvements. Dave will go over the suggestions with Brian and they will decide how to allocate funds and refine the Plan.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

- Sheila is thrilled to be on the Commission and excited about the Dog Park.
- Matt welcomed Sheila to the Commission.
- Roger welcomed Sheila to the Commission. He feels that we should advocate neighborhood resident involvement and promote volunteerism in City projects. In his opinion, there is entirely too much signage on Riverside Drive. An informational sign on Riverside Drive for the Eclipse Center/Library is hidden by a road sign; otherwise, Riverside Park looks great. Thanked Dog Park Committee for a great job.
- Mark agrees that there is too much signage on Riverside Drive. He also welcomed Sheila to the Commission.
- Anna welcomed Sheila to the Commission.
- Pete welcomed Sheila to the Commission and thanked Anna for her work on the Dog Park Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Anna Kokity made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Mark Preuschl. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Matilda Purifoy.