

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Christiansen, Steve Ferger, Tia Johnson

STAFF: Brian Ramsey

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 11, 2011 MEETING

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Correspondence - None

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

None

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION REPORT ITEM

A. Consideration and review of the revised Dog Park site plan proposal for Leeson Park.

Director Ramsey presented the following Dog Park Plans including estimated budget:

• Conceptual Master Plan	\$118,845
• Master Plan with Variance	110,345
• Phase 1/Option A - Large Perimeter Fencing	67,737
• Phase 1/Option B – Small Perimeter Fencing	55,682
• Original Dog Park Conceptual Plan, Same as Phase 1/Option B with Variance	25,217

Director Ramsey proposed staying with budgetary constraints. City Manager Larry Arft has requested that black vinyl coated fencing be used instead of the agricultural fencing, which requires a variance. Sheila reiterated that getting the fencing/perimeter right is essential. Much discussion followed concerning small/large dog areas, fencing material/cost, and clearing of trees for the Dog Park. Michael McNulty recommended that we stay within budget and accept the original plan. Mark Preuschl and Sheila De Forest recommended that we come up with a new plan that matches the long-term expectations of City residents and the Dog Park Committee (larger perimeter with agricultural fencing). Michael McNulty made a motion that a revised drawing of Phase 1/Option B be given to Engineering so they can redesign the footprint of the perimeter; seconded by Chris. Motion carried 4 to 1.

B. Consideration and discussion regarding the date and agenda for the Annual Parks Tour.

Mike Ramsden made a motion to accept the Parks Tour Schedule as presented; seconded by Michael McNulty. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Consideration and discussion regarding suggestions and proposals for the development of the 2013 CIP Plan.

Director Ramsey suggested that the Commissioners designate and prioritize their top ten (10) CIP Projects for 2013. This will assist the Division in deciding what needs to be addressed as we move forward in developing the 2013 CIP Plan.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

- Sheila De Forest welcomed Chad Larson to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Chad Larson made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Michael McNulty. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Matilda Purifoy.