

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY**  
**COMMISSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012**  
**DPW OPERATIONS CENTER**  
**2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roger Christiansen, Sheila De Forest, Steve Ferger, Chad Larson, Mark Preuschl

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Christopher Brown, Tia Johnson, Michael McNulty, Mike Ramsden

**STAFF:** Brian Ramsey

**GUESTS:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called by Roger Christiansen at 6:32 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 11, 2012 MEETING**

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

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None

Chad Larson made a motion to amend the Agenda and move New Business before Director's Report; seconded by Mark Preuschl. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS – ACTION REPORT ITEM**

**A. Consideration and discussion regarding revised Dog Park site plan proposal for Leeson Park.**

Roger suggested that the Commissioners take a tour of the Dog Park site to look at the footprint that Engineering has staked out. After viewing the site, the following recommendations were made by members:

- Move outside fencing inside trees/culverts over by Willowbrook
- Adjust fencing on Springbrook inside trees another 1-2 feet as needed

- Get quotes on agricultural fencing; seek variance to City Code
- Discussed various fence heights
- Get quotes on various types of fencing, including agricultural fence and black vinyl fence

Steve Ferger made a motion to move the fencing on Willowbrook west of the tree line and seek bids on Dog Park fencing; seconded by Chad Larson. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Consideration and discussion regarding proposals for the development of the 2013 Capital Improvement Plan Project List.**

Director Ramsey presented the 2013 CIP Proposed Projects as selected by the Commissioners. We are seeking \$336,500 for 2013 CIP funding.

**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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS**

- Mark Preuschl was impressed with the new Bike Trail to Turtle Creek Park.
- Steve Ferger inquired about the status of the Rock River Trail Initiation regarding camping at Big Hill Park. Brian indicated City Ordinance does not allow camping in any City parks.
- Sheila De Forest requested that a future Agenda include consideration of an “Adopt-A-Park” Policy. Director Ramsey informed her that we have a Policy which needs to be revised and promoted.

- Roger thanked Mark Preuschl for acting as Chair last month; heard he did a tremendous job. He also asked what was being done with the funds from the Stateline Community Foundation and the Gibbs donation. Director Ramsey stated that the Stateline Community Foundation was put on the “back burner”, but that staff had proposed using the funds for Vernon Park basketball hoops. It was suggested that the funds could be used to replace paddle boats at the Lagoon instead. It was further suggested that it be placed on the Agenda for next month.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mark Preuschl made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Steve Ferger. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Matilda Purifoy.