

MINUTES
PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014
DPW OPERATIONS CENTER
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, БЕЛОIT, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Christiansen, Sheila De Forest, Jeff Johnson, Therese Oldenburg, Mark Preuschl

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chad Larson, Carol Mankiewicz

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Greg Boysen, Public Works Director
Mark Smullen, School District of Beloit
Mike Flesch, City Engineer

GUESTS: Justice Ciulla, BMHS Student
Alisha Casiday, BMHS Student
Ross Ramsey, BMHS Student
Kailene Davies, BMHS Student
Christian Schober, BMHS Student
Johnathan West, BMHS Student
John Klobucar, BMHS Student

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mark Preuschl at 6:30p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 12, 2014 MEETING

Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Mark Preuschl. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

OLD BUSINESS-

None

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION REPORT ITEM

A. Review and consideration of the Bike Path in Stateline Restoration Prairie Park.

Mike Flesch, City Engineer was in attendance to talk about the bike path plan along Stateline Prairie Restoration Park. He explained where it connects in the park and is asking for the commission's approval of the location of the path. He also provided a map to view and look over to show the location. Jeff Johnson made a motion to accept the path and its location seconded by Therese Oldenburg. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Correspondence- None

B. Parks Report- Attached for Committee review.

C. Horticulture Report- Attached for Committee review.

D. Miscellaneous:

1. **BMHS Pool-** As of November 1st we have discontinued our use of the BMHS Pool and all activities and programs with the exception of the USA Swimming Program, and Adult Aerobics Class. A formal letter with explanation was attached.

2. **Girl Scout Building-** The City Attorney is preparing the documents for closing on the acquisition of the Girl Scout Building in Big Hill Park. The closing date has been moved to May 1st, 2015.

3. **Cemetery Brochure-** A new brochure with highlights of our Cemetery Fees has been developed and distributed to all the local Funeral Homes and is being well received.

E. Recreation Report:-Attached for Committee review

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

- Therese Oldenburg-Became a Wisconsin Master Naturalist and for her capstone project, created a brochure on "Trees in Beloit" which highlights the Rhodes Arboretum and was handed out to the commission. This brochure is very informational and includes a map to go by. Also, the confluence project is going along well in South Beloit.

- Jeff Johnson- Nothing
- Mark Smullen- Attended a board meeting where citizens voiced their opinions about the BMHS pool and were a little confused as to what was going on and felt misled.
- Rodger Christiansen- Nothing
- Mark Preuschl- Nothing

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Johnson made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Mark Preuschl. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Travia Foy.