

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY  
COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES FOR  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015  
DPW OPERATIONS CENTER  
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI 53511**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Johnson, Therese Oldenburg, Mark Preuschl, Chad Larson,  
Carol Mankiewicz

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sheila DeForest, Roger Christiansen

**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:** James VanDeBogart , Andy Hill (Engineering)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mark Preuschl at 6:33 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 10, 2014 MEETING:**

Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Mark Preuschl;  
motion for  
approval was passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Jim VanDeBogart: Interested in the bike path.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Consideration of the bike trail in Big Hill Park:** Brian spoke about the background of the trail  
and the  
beginnings of it in 2011. 2014 the grant was awarded to Big Hill Park. Introduced Andy Hill to  
speak  
about the survey drawings that were done at Big Hill Park. DNR also walked the path with  
Engineers  
Mike Flesch and Andy Hill and Brian Ramsey.

Woodlands section is marked with purple ribbon; the prairie land is not marked because it's not complicated.

Need to agree on location where trail will begin in the lower area of the park due to cross over existing walking trail and trying to keep them separate. Also, connecting points are in the dumpster area.

Andy and Mike highlighted their points of their maps that were dispersed to the committee. Add fill to ease the slopes that are there. Talked about the distance beyond path for error; 5 ft. either side on a 10 feet wide path. 2 ft. shoulders and then 3 ft. graded shoulders that don't have gravel. 20 feet wide all together. Path must be that wide according to grant requirements.

James VanDeBogart asked about long term care taking of path; was concerned about where to get the money in the future to maintain the path. Use 3 inch asphalt on 8 inch of road stone.

Model A trail discussed by Jeff Johnson. Severe drop off; keep as pedestrian walk way.

Andy - Discussed the steepness of trail. 5% needed.

Map is possibly wrong.

Make path go to the road. Decided to check out area again and focus on the dumpster area for path.

Re-locate the dumpster and work into the grant if problematic. Evaluate the roadway requirements needed to do yet.

Access road to the entrance gate or through the woods. Can't afford to survey entire woods. See if we can make it on road or off road with Brian and Mike. Parameters need to be set first. There is a steep hill going west that exceeds the 5% maximum grade. Still have to go up a steep hill either way.

Get started in October to grate and gravel; come in Spring to finish if can't get asphalt down.

Go from trail as #1 from dumpster area to the road and survey the land. Asking for approval of corridor and not final draft to get the design done. Asking for approval for corridor and design.

Keep in mind native plants.

Motion for accepting plan from area of dumpster going west and south as shown on original.

Jeff

Johnson was concerned about trail going onto a traffic road; wants a continuous trail. Area at the bottom needs survey as well to make sure Jeff Johnson mentioned to Invite the Rock County

Coalition to

help with design (Dean Painter for advice).

Motion to go ahead with concept from the curve at the bottom of hill going west and south up the hill to

get a survey done to the GS Center. Theresa Oldenburg seconded this motion; approved unanimously.

Split the trail at the GS Center. Go through Kopplin farm to the East. Get path to the roadway is main

objective. People will use that parking lot at the GS Center.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- A. Routine maintenance and plowing at Big Hill Park and Golf Course and throughout the City.
- B. Recreation Overview including the Winterfest and the Team Task Force Committee Event in January. In need of volunteers for Boys & Girls Club event on 1/24.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

- Mark Preuschl asked about GS Building possession; 5/15. Our intentions are to lease to Welty (possibly) and have rentals for events. Mark also mentioned the rink looks great.
- Chad Larson said 500 to 600 people came to tournament last weekend. 2 tournaments in February and 3 in March. Special Olympics on 2/21.
- Theresa Oldenburg mentioned Totem Park and signage funding up for review. Beloit College did a report on Indian mounds at parks. She is giving info to Brian.
- Jeff Johnson complimented the Big Hill Park ski trails maintained by Lee Rooker; however, wished the dogs would be kept off somehow.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Jeff Johnson made a notion for adjournment; seconded by Chad Larson. Motion passed unanimously;

meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Trixie Hickok