

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY  
COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES FOR  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2016  
DPW OPERATIONS CENTER  
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI 53511**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Johnson, Carl Lange, Carol Mankiewicz, Therese Oldenburg,  
Mark Preuschl

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chad Larson, Anthony Stewart

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks & Leisure Services  
Greg Boysen, Public Works Director  
Sheila DeForest, City Council

**GUESTS:**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 MEETING**

Sheila referred to last month's meeting and inquired about if Laurie spoke with the student members that she was going to refer to the commission. She will contact Laurie directly to see how the process is coming along. Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented seconded by Carol Mankiewicz. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS-** None

**NEW BUSINESS – ACTION REPORT ITEM**

- A. Discussion and review of the proposed Rock County Super Pass at the Krueger Pool-** Spencer Waite was in attendance to discuss the Rock County Super Pass program that is being offered at Krueger Pool. This program will allow pass holders access to Beloit Krueger Pool, Janesville Rockport Pool, Evansville Veteran's Memorial Pool and Edgerton Pool. The fee will be \$10.00 per person on top of the regular pool pass price. This program is to promote and increase the sales of season passes. It can help to increase

revenues in the concession stand area as well as create more awareness and bring more people to town. We are going to start small for now with each community getting 50 passes. Milwaukee County did this program last year and generated great revenue. There will be no cost for now to us because we are trying to see how well it will be accepted. There will be a way to track how many people from other cities came to use our facilities because all passes will be numbered. All of the surrounding areas that we are going to work with are ok with the agreement that we have set in place. The next step in place is to finalize the staff report and resolution for City Council review.

Therese Oldenburg asked that Spencer explain about the Kubb tournament coming up and what is it. The tournament will be held in August at Riverside Park. Evans Fitzgerald, Leisure Services, and Matt from Visit Beloit have been working the last 2 years on the event. For the most part it's been local. Evan and his team have created an organization and will be bringing a National Tournament to Beloit to be held either before or after the boat races. Therese Oldenburg made a motion to support the new pass seconded by Carl Lange. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion and consideration of a new location for the new Playground in Vernon Park-** Normally playgrounds are replaced in the late summer or early fall after school children have returned to school, leaving them less time to play and use the parks. With this in mind, we are considering speeding up the installation process of this new playground. We will relocate the new playground to another area which will allow us to keep the current playground available to play while the new equipment is being installed. The old equipment will be removed after the new equipment is installed. There will be a sign posted to indicate that the old playground will be removed after the new one is installed. There will also be room for a soccer field (non-regulated) after the installation of this new playground. At this time we aren't going to remove any asphalt but it may be done in the near future. Once the new Parks & Open Space Plan is put together, there may be a plan to look into doing something with the sidewalk and entryways because they need some improving. The tennis courts that are there are an eye sore and there has been talk of doing something with them soon also. There may even be a place to build a walking path into the park that would be ADA compliant once the old equipment is removed. Mark Preuschl made a motion to accept the playground installation based upon the design plan as presented in Option #2 seconded by Therese Oldenburg. Motion passed unanimously.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Attached for Committee review.

The Park's department has been assisting the Snappers in addressing various maintenance issues at Pohlman Field and the Clubhouse in preparation of Opening Day. The new batting area is almost complete and the old batting cage area is down. Sheila made the recommendation that once this process is all complete could we do a resolution to thank every volunteer who had a part in getting the project done and completed. Brian will speak with Dennis from the Snappers and get a list of names of the helpers. The City Center Design Charrette is scheduled for April

20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Beloit Library. Discussion was held about what day and time to attend the Turtle Creek Bath House tour and it was decided on April 27th, 2016 at 6pm.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS**

- Mark Preuschl- This will be the last meeting for me. You guys have been really good to me. The next chairman can either be voted on now or next week when more members are present. The decision was on next week. Thought we painted the train orange a couple years ago. It's starting to look really faded right now. Are we still working with or doing anything with Merrill Street Park?? Brian indicated that yes, the train was painted 2 years ago and will need to take a look to see if it faded, and that we still plan to seed the garden area.
- Carol Mankiewicz- Thanks Mark for all of his hard work.
- Jeff Johnson- Would like to know the status of the Family Service Garden at Horace White Park. By the end of the month they should be breaking ground. Brian indicated that Family Services is looking for a date to host a ground breaking event in April or May.
- Sheila DeForest- None
- Carl Lange- Cross Country in Leeson park, the high school will not hold the one in August, only the meet in the beginning of September. Trying to get people to stop parking on the grass. High School did get the Div. 1 Sectional. Brian also shared with the commission the recent damage to the turf in Leeson Park and the ongoing plan to catch violators who caused the damage.
- Therese Oldenburg- There was a minor setback with the confluence in South Beloit. Will be bulldozing the old building and possibly opening on Heritage day weekend June 18 with the Grand Opening.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jeff Johnson made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Carl Lange. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Travia Foy.