

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE LANDMARK COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2016
6:00 PM
TURTLE CREEK PARK-OLD BATH HOUSE
1312 E. GRAND AVENUE, БЕЛОIT, WI 53511**

PARC MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Lange, Carol Mankiewicz, Therese Oldenburg, Mark Preuschl

PARC MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Johnson, Chad Larson, Anthony Stewart

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Greg Boysen, Public Works Director
Sheila DeForest, City Council
James Thompson, Transit Foreman
Jamie Stanek, Parks Maintenance Specialist
Mark Edwards, Parks Supervisor

GUESTS: Alex Morganroth, COB Staff to Landmarks Committee
Terri Kaye, Landmarks Commission
Donna Johnson, Landmarks Commission
Steve Tresdale, Landmarks Commission
Steve Vollmer, Landmarks Commission
Ruth Vater, Landmarks Commission

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Brian Ramsey at 6:00 p.m.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- A. Brief narrative regarding the historical perspective of the Old Bath House in Turtle Creek Park-** Alex Morganroth asked if everyone was familiar with the building or did they know anything about it and gave a brief history. It was built in 1938, surveyed again in 2005 and that's when it was added to the City's individual Landmarks list. It was added to the list not for its architectural significance but mostly for its significance to the African American community of the 50's and 60's. The pool was filled in in the early

90's and has been boarded up since then. The Historical Society has much more information on the building. We are trying to figure out a way to preserve more of the outside of the building so that it doesn't look so much like an eyesore as people drive by. Brian Ramsey added that there was a group organized in around 1995 "Friends of the Pool" they were active for about 6 years and created a Master Plan for the entire park. The estimated cost to renovate the park/bath house was over \$300,000. The park itself extends across the creek towards Turtle Tap area. There was discussion about bringing a new road off of St Paul to drive into the park and install a walking bridge across the creek. This plan has been brought up 3 or 4 times in the past. There has also been discussion of painting the building. After the walk though on the inside, everyone had a chance to walk along the outside of the building. Brian suggested that we did Q/A at another time because of the weather conditions. The purpose of the meeting was to do a walk through and have discussion afterwards on what should come next as far as doing something to the building.

There was a discussion about revisiting the 1995 Plan to see what was in there and try to meet with anyone who is still in the area that was a part of the "Friends of the Pool" group to discuss what can or should be done with the building. Brian stated that he isn't sure how many people are still around this area or even still living from that group but we will try to contact some people. Alex and Brian will schedule another meeting to further discuss the issue with both Commissions in the near future. It would be a good idea for a long term plan to be decided about what would be the most cost effective way to make modifications to the building. There are debris on top of the roof that may need to be removed before further damage is done. Sheila DeForest asked if another meeting would be scheduled that the African American community could be involved in so that they could voice their opinion about what they would like to see happen with the building. Possibly we could do the changes and modifications in different phases instead of all at one time. Hopefully another meeting can be scheduled within the next couple of months since it's been being put off for so long.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Travia Foy.