

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2016
DPW OPERATIONS CENTER
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI 53511**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Isaac Deforest-Davis, Jeff Johnson, Carl Lange, Kristin Loehr,
Carol Mankiewicz, Anthony Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shelly Cronin Chad Larson, Therese Oldenburg Marilyn Sloniker

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Greg Boysen, Public Works Director

GUESTS:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Johnson at 6:30 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 10TH MEETING

A correction was made to change “Piece Trail” to Peace Trail on page 3 of previous minutes. Carl Lange made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Carol Mankiewicz. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – Sheila DeForest made a comment about the Hendricks statue and wondered if it had been pulled from the agenda; which it had. She encouraged the Commission to still consider it and vote on it since it was originally on the agenda. This came up about 5 or 6 years ago and it’s come to surface again. She suggested having a discussion and voting to put it to rest.

Mark Preuschl stated that the Gazebo is well used and he received contacts from citizens saying that they don’t want the Gazebo being moved for a statue or in favor of anything.

Jeff Johnson suggested that the Commission not discuss the Statue as it is no longer on the agenda. However, if Commissioners would like to make any comments, they can do so under the Committee members comment section of the meeting.

Brian informed the Commission that Brad Austin withdrew the request so there isn’t a need for review.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION REPORT ITEM

- A. Review and consideration of Park Land Dedication requirements as related to the expansion and development of the Preliminary Plat of Eagles Ridge Plat #2 as required by New Leaf Homes, LLC.** The developers are required to provide dedicated parkland or monies in Lieu of land dedication as outlined in the City Municipal Ordinance, 12.11 Parks and Open Spaces. The Commission had two options related to the developer requirements with the staff recommendation that the Parks & Recreation Commission accept monies in Lieu of parkland @ \$141/unit x 6 units =\$846.00. These fees would go into a separate Park Capital Improvement Fund, and can further be utilized to fund improvements to Eagles Ridge Park which is already located in the subdivision. Jeff Johnson made the motion to accept the monies in Lieu of parkland seconded by Isaac Deforest-Davis. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Consideration and appointment of a new Chairperson for the Parks & Recreation Commission.** Carl Lange made the motion to re-appoint Jeff Johnson for Chair seconded by Kristen Loehr. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Attached for Committee Review.

Appointment Review Committee

Jeff Johnson was reappointed to the Parks, Recreation, & Conservation Commission with a term ending, September 2018

Recreation Report

Distributed at meeting for Committee Review.

Kristen inquired about the expenses for the Pool and if those numbers were in yet. Brian stated that once they are in at the end of the year he would be able to provide that information.

Special Projects

Revisions are being made to the Cemetery Mowing and Maintenance RFP in preparing to advertise for a New Contractor in 2017; the Golf Cart RFP will be advertised soon as well as the Golf Concession RFP for the season beginning 2017. Leeson Park’s new playground installation will occur October 24-28, 2016.

One of our message boards in Big Hills Park was burned to the ground and Portland Avenue Bridge was tagged with graffiti. Brian passed photos around to show the Commission. The graffiti will be cleaned by Water Dragon.

In the next month or so, Beloit Library will be working with Family Services to create more small libraries throughout town and would like to include some of our Park sites. This information will be presented at next month's meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

- Jeff Johnson- Leeson's Park is very busy and it's a great park in Beloit. He asked the guests if they knew how many parks there are in Beloit.
- Carl Lange- Spoke about the Sectional Meet this year in Leeson's Park and made a comment about the Hendricks Statue. He may not still be living in Beloit if it wasn't for Ken and Diane.
- Isaac DeForest-Davis- Did the Trooper start his project yet for Boy Scout? Is he close to his goal yet? Brian responded no, he hasn't heard from the Scout since he attended our meeting.
- Carol Mankiewicz- Emailed Brian Ramsey and Jeff Johnson about the statue. Didn't like where it would be placed but doesn't mind if it were to go in the park. There are other beautiful spots where it could go if it were to be placed in the park.
- Anthony Stewart- The perception of Ken may be different for some citizens of Beloit than it is for others so everyone may not agree on the statue if it were to be placed in the Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Carl Lange made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Kristen Loehr. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Travia Foy.