

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 17, 2008, 6:30 pm at the Municipal Service Center. Members attending were: President George Brown, Citizen Members, Sue Schinkten, Steve Nervegna; Alderpersons Van Vonderen, Donovan and Daanen. Excused Absence: Bill Volpano.

1. Minutes of the December 20, 2007 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting.

Attachment. Jerome Daanen moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Steve Nervegna. Kathy Van Vonderen pointed out that the meeting end time stated in the minutes needs to be corrected to 7:45 pm from 79:45. Motion passed.

2. Letter of Communication – None

3. Consider advertising and selling Brown County Bicycle Transportation Maps.

Attachment. Mike Donovan moved to approve the motion to have Park staff sell Brown County Bicycle Transportation Maps. Sue Schinkten seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Consider park improvements for Optimist Park from the De Pere Girls Softball

Association. Attachment. Mike Donovan moved to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Jerome Daanen. Motion passed. Tom Vande Hei, 1601 Sandstone and Tim Smith, 5315 Sundust Ct, spoke on behalf of Girls Softball. They are requesting to concrete the bleacher and dugout areas of the 2 existing fields; add a double batting cage and request to push up the construction of the third softball field at Optimist Park from 2011 to 2008. Mike Donovan moved to go back to regular session; Jerome Daanen seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Board agreed to vote on each of the three requests individually. Request #1: Jerome Daanen moved to approve Girls Softball Association to concrete the bleacher and dugout areas of the two existing fields and the City will provide topsoil and grass seeding. Kathy Van Vonderen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Request #2: Mike Donovan moved to recommend the approval of Girls Softball Association to construct a double batting cage on a location agreeable to Girls Softball and Park Department Staff and that this batting cage will not be locked. Kathy Van

Vonderen seconded the motion. Motion passed. If vandalism were a recurring problem, the Park Board would revisit the option of locking the batting cage.

Request #3: Steve Nervezna moved to recommend the approval of the Girls Softball Association to solicit funding for the third softball field and also solicit naming rights for this field, with the final approval given by the Park Board. Also reiterated to Girls Softball that the City cannot give any financial support for this project in 2008 due to the 2008 budget already being established and this project was not in the 2008 budget.

Mike Donovan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Review plans for parking stalls at Wells Park. Attachment. Steve Nervezna moved to recommend approval for parking at Wells Park, however, if sledding is impacted, parking stalls should be eliminated; and no walkway be constructed in Wells Park.

Jerome Daanen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Recommendation to construct a bathroom/concession building at Southwest Park in 2008. Jerome Daanen stated that the price for the four recycling trucks came in \$183,000 less than what was expected. Therefore, this energy fund has a balance of \$183,000 and Daanen thought that a good use of this money would be to construct a Park Concession/Restroom facility at Southwest Park. Some of the reasons would be:

- a. The use of port-o-lets is not appropriate or sanitary with the number of people visiting Southwest Park;
- b. With a funding source for the project in the Shared Energy Fund, it would make sense we use this money;
- c. With the current status of the construction market, the Board felt we could get very competitive quotes.
- d. The Park Board reviewed other buildings similar to what is being proposed and felt that a nice facility could be built for \$183,000.

Jerome Daanen moved to recommend to the Council that a Park Concession/Restroom facility be constructed in Southwest Park in 2008, not to exceed \$183,000 which is the balance in the Shared Energy Fund. Kathy Van Vonderen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. Community Center 4th quarter report. Attachment. Steve Nervegna moved to place the report on file, Sue Schinkten seconded the motion. Motion passed.
8. Ice Time Management 4th quarter and year-end reports. Attachments. Sue Schinkten recommended to place reports on file, seconded by Mike Donovan. Motion passed.
9. Staff updates.
 - a. West De Pere School Cooperative Effort – Marty Kosobucki reported that the Park Staff is working with West De Pere in planning a day camp to coincide with the school’s summer school program. Board felt this is an excellent idea.
 - b. Summer Playground Program – Since a few of our parks do not have favorable attendance, Staff is putting together a traveling park plan where 2 Playground Supervisors would travel to different parks during the week. The Board felt this also was a good idea.
 - c. Dog Park – Going to Plan Commission for rezoning, then on to Council for their approval.
 - d. Indoor Pool Research – Marty Kosobucki has met with Unified School District and at this time the Unified School District does not feel optimistic they could participate in any funding for this project. Marty will be meeting with the YMCA and Ashwaubenon next week.
 - e. Kiwanis Park – The Board expressed that Staff investigate options for access or moving the sledding hill at Kiwanis Park. This was discussed due to complaints being made from neighbors that kids are cutting across their yards to get to the hill.
10. Public Comment Period - None
11. Future Agenda Items. - None

12. Adjournment. Sue Schinkten moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Donovan. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 8:07 pm.

Lou Ann Zeamer, Secretary