



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
<http://www.de-pere.org>

Minutes

Thursday, August 29, 2013

6:30 PM

Municipal Service Center

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board Member Duane Valpano

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Larry Lueck	Aldersperson	Present	
Michael Donovan	Aldersperson	Present	
Lisa Rafferty	Aldersperson	Present	
Sue Schinkten	Board Member	Present	
Duane Valpano	Board Member	Present	
Rod Kowalczyk	Board Member	Present	
George Brown	Board Member	Excused	

Abbey Barnes and Henry Kneiszel, Teen Advisory Member, Marty Kosobucki, Stephanie Aerts and Paula Rahn were also present. Bill Volpano welcomed Henry Kneiszel as our new Teen Advisor.

II. Action Items

1. Acceptance of Board of Park Commissioners Minutes for 7-18-13

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Rafferty, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Rod Kowalczyk, Board Member
AYES:	Lueck, Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Valpano, Kowalczyk
EXCUSED:	George Brown

2. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve the \$250 donation from the Pink Flamingo Group for the Recreation Scholarship Program.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rod Kowalczyk, Board Member
SECONDER:	Michael Donovan, Aldersperson
AYES:	Lueck, Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Valpano, Kowalczyk
EXCUSED:	George Brown

3. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve \$260 donation from the De Pere Area Men's Club for the Recreation Scholarship Program.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER:	Michael Donovan, Aldersperson
AYES:	Lueck, Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Valpano, Kowalczyk
EXCUSED:	George Brown

4. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve \$250 donation from the Buggy Softball Tournament Group for the Recreation Scholarship.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rod Kowalczyk, Board Member
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Lueck, Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Valpano, Kowalczyk
EXCUSED:	George Brown

5. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve donation from Walter Anderson for a flag pole, flag, pole installation and sound system for Southwest Park.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Donovan, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Rod Kowalczyk, Board Member
AYES:	Lueck, Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Valpano, Kowalczyk
EXCUSED:	George Brown

6. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve application for grant to conduct aerial survey of deer population in the City.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER:	Michael Donovan, Alderperson
AYES:	Lueck, Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Valpano, Kowalczyk
EXCUSED:	George Brown

7. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve Southwest Park for location of future baseball diamond.
- There was considerable discussion on the location of the Pony League Diamond. There were three locations discussed, Westwood School, Altmayer School and Southwest Park. Marty Kosobucki stated Jim Martin Park would not be considered for the location. Alderperson Lueck abstained from the discussion.

Rod Kowalczyk made a motion to pursue Altmayer School for the location of the pony league diamond, Sue Schinkten seconded the motion.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to open the meeting at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Rod Kowalczyk. Alderperson Lueck abstained from voting, Sue Schinkten abstained from voting and all others were Nays.

Amy Wautier spoke on the condition of the facilities of Humana Sports Complex. She stated she had done some checking on different fields in the city and said she felt the money would be better spent on Southwest Park.

Billl Volpano made a motion to close the meeting at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Mike Donovan.

There was continued discussion on the location of the facility.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Donovan, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Lisa Rafferty, Alderperson
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Valpano, Kowalczyk
ABSTAIN:	Larry Lueck
EXCUSED:	George Brown

8. Review and approve US Fish and Wildlife grant in cooperation with Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway for a restoration study on the Fox River.
Mike Donovan made a motion to open the meeting at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Bill Volpano.

Candace Mortara from the Fox Wisconsin Heritage Parkway spoke to the committee about the project. Candace took questions from the board members.

Mike Donovan made a motion to close the meeting at 7:07 p.m., seconded by Lisa Rafferty.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER:	Rod Kowalczyk, Board Member
AYES:	Lueck, Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Valpano, Kowalczyk
EXCUSED:	George Brown

9. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve agreement with Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Southwest Park lighting.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Rafferty, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Lueck, Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Valpano, Kowalczyk
EXCUSED:	George Brown

10. Approve 2014 Proposed Budget for Park, Recreation and Forestry Department
Marty Kosobucki reviewed the 2014 budget with the board members. Marty took questions from the board members in reference to the budget.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Donovan, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Lueck, Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Valpano, Kowalczyk
EXCUSED:	George Brown

III. Public Comment Period

Jean Knitter spoke with the board about the stagnation of the water by the boat docks in Voyageur Park and the new docks by the Riverwalk. Jean presented pictures to the board.

Stephanie Aerts spoke with the board about the Pony League Diamond and stated she felt there should be a presence on the east of De Pere.

IV. Future Agenda Items

None

V. Staff Updates

None

VI. Adjournment

Sue Schinkten made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Bill Volpano.

The meeting was closed at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Zierson,
Secretary