

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the De Pere Ice Center, Conference Room, 1450 Fort Howard Avenue, De Pere. Prior to the meeting, members of the Park Board were given a tour of the facility by Kelly Sperl and Carl Magnuson. Members present: Citizen Members: George Brown, Sue Schinkten, Absent, Bill Volpano, Rod Kowalczyk. Alderpersons Van Vonderen, Donovan and Boyd. Also present: Marty Kosobucki, Director.

1. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting. (Attachment)
Mike Donovan moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Sue Schinkten. Motion passed.
2. Approve out-of-state training for Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry.
Kathy Van Vonderen moved to approve the out of state training; motion seconded by James Boyd. Motion passed.
3. General discussion related to De Pere Ice Arena.
Marty Kosobucki explained to the Board that by December 2009, the City must notify Ice Time Management of their plans for the Ice Center. The current contract expires in December 2010. Marty explained that the goal for this meeting was to have an open forum to learn more from the user groups and to see the components of the Ice Center. Mike Donovan moved to open the meeting to the public (6:42 pm); motion seconded by Kathy Van Vonderen. Motion passed. Dan Reynolds, De Pere Youth Hockey, Vicki Saks, Greater Green Bay Figure Skating, A.J. from St. Norbert JV Hockey, and Carl Magnuson, Deacons were in attendance for the meeting to give their input on their respective groups. Also present were Dave Lepp, Manager, Ice Time Management, Chris Van Hoof, Office Manager, as well as Kelly Sperl, Carl and Diane Magnuson, Ice Time Management, Inc.

A.J. St. Norbert College JV Hockey, briefly updated the Park Board members that SNC JV Hockey is not going anywhere. Will be staying at the De Pere Ice Center. They have games at this facility as well as road games. Program runs from September through December. Roster has 25 skaters, 3 goalies.

Dan Reynolds, De Pere Youth Hockey has 235- 240 members, ranging from very young children to high school age. The High School has its own ice program. Reynolds explained the mini mites and mites' numbers are growing. The High School team is a no-cut system, where you have varsity, junior varsity. Reynolds threw out the idea of having a dry land cage as a practice facility and De Pere Youth Hockey would possibly help fund the project. This type of cage would help build endurance for the players. Reynolds will research this further and get the information to Marty Kosobucki for Board review.

Vicki Saks, Greater G.B. Figure Skating, stated they contract 20-25 hours per week for ice time. The "Learn to Skate Program" has 121 members; and the 3 synchro teams have 135 members. They hold competition in the summer months, ages 5 to adults, with 100 members overall. Vicki mentioned that the bleachers pose a safety issue, especially for the elderly people. When they have competition, she mentioned a larger judges' area is needed, along with computer access. She feels the fees charged for ice rental are very reasonable and affordable.

The Mayor asked the question what does Ice Time Management see for the future?

James Boyd was excused at 7:50 pm from the meeting.

After further discussion, the Board requested the User Group representatives go back to their respective group and discuss their future, i.e, what are the projected future numbers for the groups, along with future forecasting and what improvements they would like to see at the Ice Center. This information will be given to the Park Board and the City for review.

Kathy Van Vonderen moved to go back to regular session (7:55 pm) with a second to the motion being made by Mike Donovan. Motion passed.

4. 4th Quarter Report from Community Center. (Handout).

Kathy Van Vonderen moved to approve and place report on file. Motion seconded by Mike Donovan. Motion passed.

5. 4th Quarter Report and Annual Report from Ice Center. (Attachments)

Kathy Van Vonderen moved to approve and place report on file, seconded by Mike Donovan. Discussion: Marty Kosobucki explained the Ice Center contract states that each quarter the City is to be paid \$7,500 for the lease. In addition, at the end of the year (December) the contract states a percentage of net income be put into a designated fund that rolls over each year. This fund is then used for major projects at the Ice Center, such as the dehumidification project. George Brown commented that the Directors Fee listed on the profit and loss statement be changed due. When you see Directors Fee it appears that an individual is being paid, where in fact, it is the fee being paid to the City for the Ice Center Designated Fund. George Brown also suggested that the date for the new lease not end in the month of December, since this is in the middle of the Ice Center's season, and further suggested lease termination be in the middle of summer. Motion passed.

6. Public Comment Period. None.

7. Future Agenda Items.

On the February Park Board agenda, we will be discussing the sponsor moneys given to the user groups each year.

a. Staff Updates.

- Boat Launch Survey and Percentages (Attachment) Marty Kosobucki explained to the Board that the percentage will remain the same as in previous years.

- Capital Projects

- *Wing mower: (Don)* going out to bid in the next couple of weeks
 - *Truck #10 replacement: (Marty)* bids to be opened January 19.
 - *Truck #17 replacement: (Marty)* checking on replacing #17 with NEV vehicles. On Monday, January 19th, Marty will be viewing different NEV's. Marty will keep the Board updated.
 - *Software ID System for Pools: (Ernie)* Previously we sold annual swim tags that needed to be sewn onto swimsuits. With this new software, a picture of the person will be taken and an identification card will be issued for admittance into the swimming pools.
- De Pere Parks – Reach Out – Marty reported that one neighborhood is interested and has contacted him. The Staff will continue on this project. A Press Release was put in the De Pere Journal and Green Bay Press Gazette, as well as on Channel 4.
- Teen Advisory Position – the City has approved the Teen Advisory position. We haven't contacted the schools as of yet. The application will be brought to the February Park Board Meeting for review.

8. Adjournment.

Mike Donovan moved to adjourn the meeting; Kathy Van Vonderen seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:15 pm.