

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Municipal Service Center, 925 S. Sixth Street, De Pere. Members present: George Brown, Mike Donovan, Bill Volpano, Kathy Van Vonderen, Rod Kowalczyk, James Boyd, Sue Schinkten. Also present: Marty Kosobucki.

1. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting. (Attachment) James Boyd moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathy Van Vonderen. Motion passed.
2. Minutes of the Commission on Aging. (Attachment) Kathy Van Vonderen moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Sue Schinkten. Motion passed.
3. Review of Teen Advisory Position program and ordinance change. (Attachment) Revise Criteria #5 – make information available to public schools and others (could be home-school children)
Director would review and make recommendation to the Mayor for appointment. Kathy Van Vonderen moved to approve the Teen Advisory Seat Appointment Criteria/Process with the changes as noted, seconded by James Boyd. Motion passed.
4. Discussion and action on establishing a program to solicit input from the community. (Attachment) Go to neighborhoods for Park Board meetings. Discussion that we may choose parks where we would be putting in playground equipment, other updates, etc. We may start with smaller parks beginning in March or April thru October. A press release would be placed in the De Pere Journal and the Press Gazette stating that we are looking for neighborhoods to pilot this program. Try and get teens involved, which could play hand in hand with teen advisory board. Bill Volpano moved to go forward with soliciting input from neighborhood park residents. Rod Kowalczyk seconded the motion. Motion passed.
5. Discussion on using Gold Medal Award Application as a tool to analyze our position in our community. (Attachment) This could be a very good learning process for our department. We could find out if we are serving the community with their current needs. Rod Kowalczyk moved to approve the Park Department's involvement in the Gold Medal Award Application process, seconded by Sue Schinkten. Motion passed.
6. Replacement of chemical storage tank at the Ice Center. (Handout at Meeting) James Boyd moved to accept the low bid from Drews Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$5,400 and forward recommendation to Finance. Motion seconded by Sue Schinkten. Motion passed.
7. Public Comment Period.
Rod Kowalczyk reported information he received from NRPA requesting funds from the stimulus package.
8. Future Agenda Items.

9. Staff Updates.

- Sledding Hill

Kiwanis Park sledding hill is being used extensively.

Marty reported that on the Riverwalk project we are waiting for our response from the DNR. Also reported that we are looking into Electronic Vehicles to be used in the Park Department. Summer Camp will be offered again this year in cooperation with West De Pere School District. Still working with East De Pere on an agreement. The naming of the Southwest Park fields probably will not happen. The lease with Ice Time Management needs to be reviewed prior to December, 2009 at which time the City needs to inform the current group of the status of the lease.

10. Adjournment.- James Boyd moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kathy Van Vonderen. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Lou Ann Zeamer, Secretary