

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 12, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Service Center, 925 S. Sixth Street, De Pere. Members present: George Brown, Bill Volpano, Rod Kowalczyk. Kathy Van Vonderen, Mike Donovan. Excused Absence: Sue Schinkten, James Boyd. Also present: Marty Kosobucki, Director, Don Melichar, City Forester

1. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting. (Attachment)

Bill Volpano moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Rod Kowalczyk. Motion passed.

2. Discussion and action on Dog Park. (Handout)

Marty Kosobucki explained to the Board the information that was mailed to them will be presented at a future Council meeting. At this meeting the Park Board should review the design, policies, budget and fundraising information and make recommendations of each to forward on to the Council. Mike Donovan moved to open the meeting; Bill Volpano seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mike Stumpf, 1826 Briarwood, appreciates the City setting aside 19 acres for a dog park. This project will bring with it positive community intervention. Bill Volpano moved to go back to regular order; Mike Donovan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bill Volpano moved to recommend approval of the dog park design and forward on to Council, seconded by Kathy Van Vonderen. Motion passed.

Rules and Regulations were discussed by Board Members. These rules and regulations are very similar to other communities' rules and regulations. The hours of operation for the dog park would be sunrise to sunset since there will not be any lighting. It would be a free facility, with a donation tube. Board discussed what problems could incur. Mike Donovan moved to open the meeting, Bill Volpano seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mary Cornelissen, 2008 Lost Dauphin Road, stated some problems may be dogs attacking other dogs; dog biting an individual; dog owners not cleaning up after their dog. The dog park committee have invited a De Pere Veterinarian to their next meeting to gather some input from him. Sara Cornelissen, 2008 Lost Dauphin Road, stated the Board has suggested there be no user fee initially. The problem is who would enforce the payers vs non-payer users?. Bill Volpano moved to go back to regular order, Rod Kowalczyk seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kathy Van Vonderen requested the rules and regulations be changed to reflect a more positive note. Board members asked how you would define an "aggressive" dog. Marty Kosobucki stated the City Attorney will be reviewing the rules and regulations and will come up with proper verbage. These rules and regulations will be on a sign at the dog park. Kathy Van Vonderen moved to approve the

general rules and regulations, perhaps combining them to make the list shorter, and incorporating a positive rather than negative tone. Rod Kowalczyk seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Budget: Kathy Van Vonderen moved for the approval of the budget; seconded by Bill Volpano. Motion passed.

Fundraising: Bill Volpano moved for the approval of the budget, seconded by Rod Kowalczyk. Motion passed. The fund would be a non-lapsing fund for the dog park. City Staff would oversee the incidental costs related to additional fundraising efforts. For donations under \$250, Staff can approve. Over \$250 donations, either cash or in-kind, need to be approved by the Park Board and Council.

3. Discussion on user group funding. Attachments. Marty Kosobucki explained to the Board the City has discussed the past few years about cutting the City subsidy to the youth groups, i.e., recreation soccer, girls softball, etc. amounting to \$32,000. Marty gave an overview of the user group funding. Mike Donovan moved to open the meeting, seconded by Bill Volpano. Motion passed. George Ostrander, President of De Pere Rec Soccer, handed out a spreadsheet he had prepared. He feels charging a non-resident fee is a good idea, and thinks charging the non-resident more than \$20 currently being charged would be equitable. Marty Kosobucki will be giving a presentation to the Council on why the \$32,000 should stay in the budget. Bill Volpano moved to go back regular session; Mike Donovan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bill Volpano feels it is a shame that the City would cut the \$32,000 for youth activities. Explained that if the youth are in these programs we are preventing them from possibly getting involved in drugs, vandalism, etc. Bill Volpano moved to recommend that as a Park Board we highly recommend to the Council the \$32,000 is an excellent investment for the City and request this budget item remain in future budgets. Rod Kowalczyk seconded the motion. Motion passed. Several Park Board members requested that if the City reduces funding for the user groups, the Park Board be given an opportunity to further discuss options and forward to the Council.
4. Approval of donation from Cellcom. Attachment.
Mike Donovan moved to recommend approval of the donation; seconded by Bill Volpano. Motion passed.
5. Review and approval of pool membership card software and registration process. Attachment.
Marty Kosobucki handed out information on different companies and pricing. Three companies are strictly card systems with no registration software. If we would purchase the registration

software this price would be increased and not within the budgeted amount. Marty Kosobucki mentioned that Paula Rahn and Cheryl Vertz, staff from the Community Center, checked into going with ActiveNet, the same company we currently are using for our program registration. We could register through ActiveNet, however, the receipting would be done through Incode. We would need to do this for 2009 because there was no prior approval for Staff to increase the annual pool passes and by going through ActiveNet the registration costs would be approximately 7%, therefore reducing our pool pass revenue substantially for 2009. ActiveNet has agreed to allow us to use their membership/registration software at no cost for 2009. Kathy Van Vonderen moved to recommend approval of ActiveNet pool membership card software and registration process, seconded by Mike Donovan. Motion passed.

6. Review and consider acquisition of Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV). Attachments.

Board members reviewed and discussed the comparison information of a NEV and a truck. Bill Volpano feels a better need would be served by purchasing a truck and shared several ideas with the Board. George Brown feels purchasing a NEV is a good move, reduces carbon, therefore helping environment. Rod Kowalczyk feels purchasing the NEV we are showing a positive toward the community. Rod Kowalczyk moved to purchase the Vantage NEV, seconded by Mike Donovan. Ayes: George Brown, Kathy Van Vonderen, Mike Donovan, Rod Kowalczyk. Nay: Bill Volpano. Motion passed.

7. Public Comment Period. None.

8. Future Agenda Items. None.

9. Staff Updates.

- a. De Pere Parks – Reach Out - Staff is working with a group currently and will update the Board. May Park Board Meeting will be at the Community Center at which time we will invite all the user groups of the Community Center to share input.
- b. Boat Launches – we are getting several people checking our website for boat launch information. Also calls are coming in from all over Wisconsin for status of our boat launches.

10. Adjournment.

Rod Kowalczyk moved to adjourn the meeting, Mike Donovan seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 8:25 pm. The next Park Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2009.

Lou Ann Zeamer, Secretary