

**City of Portage
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 14, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.
Municipal Building Room #1
Minutes**

Members Present: Brian Zirbes Chairperson, Larry Messer, Dan Brunt, Kirk Konkel, Manager Raimer

Members absent: Fred Reckling, Russ Shaw

Others Present: Jeff Garetson, Gil Meisgeier, Kory Anderson, Rita Maass, Roger Krejchik, Dave Portage Soccer Coach, Craig Sauer - Portage Daily Register.

1. Roll Call

Took place at 6:35 p.m. with a call of those present.

2. Approval of minutes of last previous meeting

Brunt made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the last meeting. Konkel seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Discussion and possible action on Paths Projects

After some talk, a motion was made by Konkel and seconded by Larry to approve the signs of the path trails and place slips into the current maps till we need to print new maps. The motion carried 4-0.

4. Discussion and possible action on the Little League complex fields.

Manager Raimer talked about the update that will be happening on the third field.

5. Discussion and possible action on soccer fields.

Jeff Garetson brought up a couple of items. He would like to put a fence on the west side of the soccer fields to keep extra traffic from driving on the fields and tearing them up. A motion was made by Konkel and Seconded by Brunt to allow the soccer club to purchase and place a new fence with gates on the west side of the soccer fields. After discussion about snow storage and availability to get into this area after the fence was put up the vote passed 4-0.

Jeff also asked about moving the large field to the area of the smaller fields till we can get the large field to grow back from the bad summer we had. The board did not have any problems with this. Jeff stated he would look into some portable lighting for the high school games that will be played on the large field, later this month.

6. Discussion and possible action for the Recreation at Goodyear Park.

a. Splash Park

Cory Anderson present the committee with drawing and layouts of the project at Goodyear Park. Members of the board had concerns with the current layout and how it might affect the storm sewers, the trees and the proposed rain gardens. Mr. Konkel said he would like the current line televised to see what shape it would be in. Other members question with the line should be moved prior to the splash pad and skateboard park were built. The committee would like the council to look into these

concerns. Another concern was the water runoff from the parking lot and placing inlet drain on the skate board park.

The committee also reviewed the design of the restrooms. They thought that the design was very good.

b. Skate Board Park

Manager Raimer meet with a small group of skate board people and should them some of the layout he had. He asked them to bring back list and names and phone numbers/email address so there could be a larger group formed to work on the layout. Sept. 1st was the deadline for names. After that there will be a large meeting date and time set.

c. Flag Pole

Manager Raimer just reminded everyone that the VFW would like to see a lighted flag pole put up in the park during all this work.

7. Discussion and possible action on Silver Lake Beach projects

Mr. Brunt asked to speak first about the project. He had several concerns about how the project was handled and how much money was left in the budget, for other items at the beach. He wondered why we had to pay the extra \$3,000.00 that the engineering firm had added for putting the wrong type roof in the plan and why the City had to pay for their mistake.

The committee wanted to put the additional item into a prioritized list. #1 would be to put the new wall up, in front of the old wall; this would make the area look so much better. #2 was to address the parking lot fencing and place a retaining wall with railings on the top of the wall to protect people using the side hill if the fence is taken down. Other items will be added if enough funds were found.

8. Grandstands at Vet's Field

Manager Raimer talked about the extra funding for the storm shelter from a grant. How getting that money might help get the whole project done. He reminded the committee that this project was being done with the City Engineer overseeing, General Engineering on it.

9. Building #7 Facial Repairs

Several quote have been received, Manager Raimer is waiting for one more before bringing the numbers in.

10. Pool Update

The pool will be taking applications for new lifeguards and instructors for the fall. Lessons will be posted sometime in early September.

Brian Zirbes made a comment about the water polo goals and that the group would like newer goals that where no falling apart.

11. Discussion and possible action Portage Canal Project

Manager Raimer updated the committee on the progress of the canal project. He stated that the engineering plan was sent back to the Municipal Service Committee and that there was no real update.

12. Managers Report

a. Boating Dock

Manager Raimer has started to rewrite the grant for the fishing pier. This was originally part of the grant submitted to the State a few years ago and was lost. The fishing pier was part of the original grant and when it was found, only the pier was founded.

Aldersperson Maass wanted to make sure that when the pier is taken out of the water that it would be stored inside, for the winter.

b. Five Year Plan

Chairman Zirbes explained to the group that he was working with Dave Marcouiller on a plan for graduate students to rewrite the City 5 year Park Plan so it would try into the States plan. This would make the City more eligible for grant in the future if our plans blending in with what the State was looking for. The committee thought that it would be a good idea and would work with the group to make it happen.

13. Adjournment

A motion by Brunt and seconded by Konkel to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted
Tim Raimer Manager