

City of Portage
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
City of Portage Municipal Building, 115 West Pleasant Street
Conference Room One
Minutes

Members Present: Brian Zirbes Chairperson; Kirk Konkol, Larry Messer, Todd Kreckman

Members Excused: Fred Reckling, Dan Brunt

Other Attending: Ex Official Non-Voting Member: Manager Tim Raimer, City Administrator Shawn Murphy, Julie Giese, Rita Maass, Mike Collins, Kyle Little, Gary Kasten, Jeremy Leathers, Michael Draper, Craig Sauer, Matt Gorsuch

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Roll Call.

2. Approval of minutes of last previous meeting

A motion by Messer and seconded by Kreckman to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was call and passes 3-1 with Konkol abstaining.

3. Discussion and possible action on Park and Rec. 5 year Plan.

Michael Draper addressed the committee on the 5 year plan he is working on. He requested any questions or changes that the committee might have. After some discussion, his plan is to have the document ready for his class by April 8th. He will send the committee copies of it prior to that date.

4. Pool Update

Manager Raimer updated the committee on pool activities. He stated that the pool will close down on April 8th and reopen later in May. Just in time for the youth swim team to start training. Raimer will be working on the summer lessons times for the summer.

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

a. Splash Park Committee Report

Manager Raimer update the committee on this project and stated that the ground breaking is scheduled for March 28th.

b. Skate Board Park Committee Report

Kyle Little present his activities, to the committee on the "Family Skateboard Park". Several questions were asked about the plans. Mr. Little passed out a current broacher on where the plans are. His major drawback on this has been the inability of a 501C3 organization to step forward to help with the tax exempt status he needs to start taking donations.

6. Silver Lake Beach Wall

Manager Raimer updated the group on the status of the new wall going into the beach this year. Rita Maass ask if there was a timeline to finish the wall up along the parking lot. Raimer said no time line was set yet. She asked if there was money in 2013 budget to finish the project and Raimer said no.

7. Discussion and possible action on renaming of Silver Lake Beach Park for Dan Thompson and suggesting a formal application for naming rights.

This is a new request presented to the committee. Matt Gorsuch was the person

that originally made the request to the Mayor and common council. Konkel made a motion that was seconded by Messer to approve the draft plan with its corrections and send it back to the full council for approval. The motion passed 4-0. Administrator Murphy stated that this will go to council at the March 28th meeting.

8. Discussion and possible action on the current easement the City of Portage has along the canal that has the trail on. Hwy 33 east to the locks.

Manager Raimer showed the committee the updated land record that showed the land owned and controlled by the City and the end of the canal. He told the group that they have been talking to the Indian Agency House and Colonial Dames about some of the project that are being looked at for this area. Konkel had made his feeling known about activities such as these, that had taken place in other committees, that had the Ice Age Trail group involved in.

9. Discussion and possible action on grants for the purchase of land along Collipp St.

Manager Raimer presented the group with some grant opportunity for grants in looking at land for sale across from Collipp-Worden Park. The committee recommended that grant information be gotten ready to review at the April meeting.

10. Discussion and possible action on little league spring Projects

a. Adding a batting cage.

Julie Giese was present to request approval for her group to add an addition Batting cage and storage building west of the major league field.

b. Putting water in for watering the fields.

Julie also presented a project that would bring in water to both fields, so that the may be watered during the summer months.

A motion was made by Kreckman and seconded by Messer to approve both request. The motion passed 4-0.

11. Managers Report

Manager Raimer has stated that the Portage Muskie Club has donated \$800.00 toward the purchase of a new boat dock at Silver Lake.

12. Bleacher order for 2103

Was not discussed.

13. Ideas for April meeting.

Raimer asked the committee to look at both of the following ideas for the April meeting.

a. Wisconsin/Fox Heritage Park ideas

b. Portage disc golf club

People interested in starting a disc golf club were present and said they would bring back their request for next months meeting.

14. Adjournment

A motion by Kreckman and seconded by Messer to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted
Tim Raimer Manager