

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Way, Romberg, Dean, Marcks, Schultz (Schultz entered the meeting at 5:50pm)

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Henke, Parks & Rec Director Hoerth, City Administrator Hager, O'Connell, Interim Public Works Director Bodoh

Chairman Way brought the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Tate moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dean. Motion carried by all.

Gordon Schirpke was present to appeal a dock permit that city staff did not approve on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Schirpke wanted to install a dock south of his business at 310 W. North Water Street and was told by staff that he could not attach a dock to the river wall because of a moratorium the city passed in May of 2008 restricting the anchoring of docks to the wall until further notice to prevent any further damage to the wall. Staff and the committee asked Schirpke if there were any other means of securing a dock other than attaching it to the river wall. Schirpke stated that the wall belonged to the property owners and the city has no right to deny a permit. The committee took the position that the wall belongs to the city and upheld the moratorium.

Lori moved to deny Gordon Schirpke's dock appeal, seconded by Tate, motion carried by all, Schultz abstained due to her late arrival.

The committee reviewed a bid tab for the installation of 3 river docks at the downtown new river trail. Radtke Contractors Inc. (Winneconne, WI) was the only contractor who supplied an acceptable bid. Port-a-Pier (Manitowoc, WI) was 15 minutes late so their bid could not be accepted. Radtke's bid came to a total cost of \$35,367.99 for construction and installation of 3 docks. Hoerth supplied an updated estimated cost of the river trail/dock project. As of this time the city would need to pay about \$40,000 towards the \$194,000.00 project. O'Connell questioned the separation of the outlet, which is the river bank section, from the main lot and if the future owner of the main lot would have any rights towards the river bank land area. Hager said he would investigate this to ensure the city would retain the rights for the usage of the river bank.

Romberg moved and recommended that council award the river docks contract to Radtke Contractors Inc in the amount of \$35,367.99, seconded by Tate, motion carried by all.

The city received a notice from Boardman Law Firm, LLP, in response to an interest letter the city sent them asking to join a group of municipalities to investigate any franchise fee-related issues with Charter Communication's bankruptcy announcement.

Boardman Law Firm stated that as of this time there does not appear to be any issues with the city's rights towards receiving franchise fees, therefore there is no need to form a group and hire the firm.

The committee discussed some options regarding the renaming of Loss Park. A new name for the park was brought forward and the committee decided to evaluate it further after the city's park naming policy was reviewed and some additional research was done by city staff. No other action was taken at this time.

Director's Report:

On April 15th Dave Bromwell completed 25 years of service for the city and on April 16th Greg Becher completed 8 years.

Hoerth stated that the Garage Committee met on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and the recommendations from that committee will be forwarded to the Facilities Committee.

Hoerth reported that 30+ students from the High School will assist the city with planting new river bank vegetation on the river trail on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Chairman's Report: Way inquired about the status of the replacement of the drain covers in the pool. Hoerth stated that he spoke with the consultant a week ago and has a meeting set up on May 12 to review the next step. The consultant will need to draw up new plumbing plans and send them to the state for approval. After they are approved we will need to order drain covers and hire a contractor to install them.

Tate moved to adjourn, seconded by Schultz. The meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

Chad R. Hoerth  
Director of Park & Recreation