



# Town of Menasha Parks & Recreation Department

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## PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2008

**Park Commissioners Present:** Mike Lynch, Michael Dillon, Clarence Peterson, Gerald Voigt, Debbie Swiertz, Mike Campbell (ar. 7:39)

**Excused Absence:** Judy Holtz

**Staff Present:** Director Michael Kading, Recreation Supervisor Amanda Geiser, Officer Jason Weber

**Guests Present:** Max & Don Gorski, Dorothy Burghardt, Myra Lindsten, Terry Strohmeyer, Lori & Jim Tetitis, Jim Evans, Christopher Evans, Jordan Juchniewich

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The Commission meeting was held at the *O’Hauser Park North Pavilion*, and was called to order by President Lynch at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND EXPENDITURES

The Commissioners reviewed the expenditure list from June 25, 2008 in the amount of \$7,663.55 for this meeting. Commissioner Voigt motioned, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve the expenditures as listed. Motion carried unanimously.

### REPORTS

#### **A. Commissioners – Issues can only be presented, no action may be taken.**

- Commissioner Dillon brought everyone up to date on the SCA prairie restoration project and circulated pictures of the progress
- Commissioner Peterson recognized Director Kading’s 41<sup>st</sup> birthday.
- Commissioner Swiertz observed that the new drainage system at Wittmann is working.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **A. Election of Commission Chair – President Lynch called for nominations for the 2008 Chairperson.**

- Commissioner Swiertz nominated Mike Dillon, Commissioner Voigt seconded.
- Commissioner Peterson nominated Mike Lynch, Commissioner Dillon seconded.
- President Lynch called for any final nominations; hearing none, closed the nomination period.
- A paper ballot vote was cast with a 4-1 vote electing Mike Dillon as 2008 Chairperson.

### CORRESPONDENCE

None

### O’HAUSER PARK PUBLIC INPUT SESSION – Facilitated by Commissioner Dillon

- Why were the old swings (atom splitter) removed – safety concern
- Park looks nice
  - Disc golf better controlled now
  - Park hours – porta-potty cleaning time (SA will take care of)

- Ball diamonds – drag without wetting down– dust concern (SA slow down vehicles – only drag field 1x/day) MK and SA to look at different infield mix – less dusty
- Car stereos played loudly/cars speeding (Irish Rd and O’Leary Dr)
  - Re-activate Neighborhood Watch Program
  - Install speed bumps
  - Speed radar trailer to measure and collect data
- Boy Scouts merit badge work opportunity
- When will bike trail be finished on American Drive? – *2008*
- Pave trail (and road) on Jacobsen? – *Perhaps in 2008*
- Vandalism in Schildt Park
- Marked crosswalk at the corner of Irish/O’Leary or formal walking path across from Elk Trail Dr.
- Kids love the “hill” and would like ice rinks as well

Comments from “Design” Session

1. likes Town Board meetings being televised
2. Show up and speak up @ Town of Menasha board meetings about speed control on O’Leary
3. Likes the idea of moving parking lot and start/finish of disc golf – more visibility
4. Possible Eagle Scout project to formalize walking (woods) trails

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Dillon motioned, seconded by Commissioner Voigt to adjourn the Park Commission meeting of June 25, 2008 at 8:05pm. Motion carried unanimously.

*The next regular Commission meeting will be at the Community Center on July 9, 2008 at 7:00pm.*

Sincerely,

Michael Dillon  
Chairperson–elect  
Town of Menasha Park Commission