



Town of Menasha Parks & Recreation Department

2000 Municipal Drive
Neenah, WI 54956

Phone: (920) 720-7108 / Fax: (920) 720-7113
Office Hours: (M-F) 8am-4:30pm

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2008

Park Commissioners Present: Michael Dillon, Clarence Peterson, Gerald Voigt, Debbie Swiertz, Judy Holtz, Mike Lynch

Excused Absence: Michael Campbell

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

Guests Present: Bradd Seegers, Peter Towns

* * * * *

The Commission meeting was held at the *Schildt Park Pavilion*, and was called to order by Chairman Dillon at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

The Commissioners reviewed the expenditure list from August 27, 2008 in the amount of \$10,468.01 for this meeting. Commissioner Voigt motioned, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve the expenditures as listed. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM – Issues can only be presented, no action may be taken.

DISCUSSION – Schildt Pavilion Color

- Majority of group vote was for the pavilion to remain brown.

REPORTS

A. Commission

- Commissioner Peterson expressed concern that the American Drive Trail may be too close to the road
- Commissioner Voigt volunteered to organize a “Bike to the Parks” tour
- Commissioner Lynch stated that CB Park Clean Up Day is scheduled for October 28; 8:00a-12:00p
- Commissioner Swiertz has offered to take the pavilion rental information to Menasha High School for translation into Spanish
- Commissioner Peterson requested a review of the fee structure for facility rentals
- Commissioner Dillon noted the article in the Neenah-Menasha News Record regarding the O’Hauser Park North playground re-opening

B. Director

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Financial Assistance** – Commissioner Swiertz motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lynch to approve the financial assistance request in the amount of \$22.50. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHILDT PARK PUBLIC INPUT SESSION – Facilitated by Commissioner Dillon

- Strengths / Weaknesses

- Recreation events – entertainment (movie night)
- Excellent playground
- Looks safer than before
- Kid friendly
- Kids play here (used a lot)
- Included neighboring families in design of new playground
- Renovated pond
- Poured-in-place rubber “mat”
- Trail connected to park
- Adjacent/accessibility to public transportation
- Adult seating to watch kids play
- Kitchen facility
- Lots of picnic tables
- #1 rank in park/rec programs
- **Opportunities**
 - Winter activities
 - Ice sculpting
 - Cross country skiing
 - Build small sled hill
 - Pond re-filling and maintenance
 - Pond aeration & fishing dock (w/solar)
 - Paintball
 - Additional property plan→ball diamond
 - Playground light-solar powered
 - “goodwill” type drop box
 - Town of Menasha sponsored electronic recycling event (paper shredding event)
 - Bird feeders, houses and bird watching sites w/prairie restoration (open area west of park)
 - Dog “hitching” post (shade)
 - Bike rack

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Voigt motioned, seconded by Commissioner Swiertz to adjourn the Park Commission meeting of August 27, 2008 at 7:59pm. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Commission meeting will be at the Community Center on September 10, 2008 at 7:00pm.

Sincerely,

Michael Dillon
Chairman - Town of Menasha Park Commission