

## Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee Minutes of July 8, 2009

Meeting called to order by Jim Wein, Chairperson, at 5:32 p.m. in the Room 108 at City Hall Plaza, 630 S. Central Avenue.

**Present:** Jim Wein, Alderman Tom Buttke, Brenda Baur, Julie Smith, and Chris Viegut

**Excused:** Jane Yaeger, Tom Oettiker

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director; Ben Steinbach, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor; Kelly Cassidy, Parks and Recreation Supervisor; Greg Hesch; Dan Lewis; and Dan Umhoefer

There were no comments regarding the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

**Public Comments:** Greg Hesch, President of the Marshfield Area Friends of the Trails, informed the committee that the Friends of the Trails fully supports the Wildwood-McMillan Trail project and is requesting the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee recommend approval of the project agreement to the Board of Public Works.

Englehart presented a request from Jeff Tarras, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, to close the skate park on August 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 10:30 p.m. The event will include skate board competition, skate board demonstrations, and a band in the evening. A noise variance will be requested for the event. The event will be open to the public at no charge.

**PR09-26** Motion by Buttke, seconded by Baur to approve the request to close the skate park on August 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 10:30 p.m. for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Event.

**Motion Carried** All ayes

Englehart presented a request from Zachary Johnson to install a practice pin at the Wildwood Park disc golf course as an Eagle Scout project. The project will be similar to the practice pin at Braem Park. Zachary will complete the project under the direction of Dave Tiffany. Zachary will also be raising funds to purchase the needed materials and will coordinate the installation with fellow Boy Scouts.

**PR09-27** Motion by Smith, seconded by Buttke, to approve the request to install a practice pin at the Wildwood Park disc golf course.

**Motion Carried** All ayes

Englehart reviewed the background regarding the Wildwood-McMillan Trail funding allocation from the State of Wisconsin. The State will provide 80% of the project cost to a maximum of \$810,800. The city was informed of the award of funding last September and this is the formal agreement that needs to be signed prior to any costs being incurred for the project. The project schedule included public information 2009, planning and design 2010, construction 2011.

**PR09-28** Motion by Buttke, seconded by Smith, to recommend approval of Wisconsin D.O.T. Wildwood-McMillan Connector Trail Project agreement to the Board of Public Works and to thank the Marshfield Area Friends of the Trails for their hard work and volunteer efforts in supporting and maintaining the development of pedestrian/bicycle trails in the Marshfield area.

**Motion Carried** All ayes

5:50 p.m. Buttke left the meeting.

Information items were reviewed with the committee. Englehart thanked Festival Foods for funding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks, and Boy Scout Troop 382, MACCI, Marshfield Police Department and Police Auxiliary, Marshfield Parks and Recreation Department staff and the Marshfield Fire Department for their assistance with the event. It was no charge and very well attended.

Committee members shared comments and observations with staff. Wein expressed concern about the crack in the concrete in the Reeths Field 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout. Viegut commented that he had received positive comments from a parent regarding Hefko Pool. He also thanked Marshfield Area Friends of the Trails for the buckthorn removal project along the Wildwood Station Trail and the public information sign that was placed along the trail informing the public as to what was being done. He also commented how nice the Weber Park shelter building is and would like to see the public made aware that the shelter is now available for use. Buttke commented on how well the Wild Wednesday programs at the zoo were being attended and that Darlene Schubert, Zoo Education Coordinator, was doing a great job, especially with the coordination of volunteers that are assisting with the activity.

Communications: Englehart reviewed some of the citizen comments and issues the department received and addressed over the past month.

**PR09-29 Motion** by Baur, seconded by Smith, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director