

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee Minutes of July 14, 2011

Meeting called to order by Jim Wein, chairperson, at 6:01 p.m. in Room 108 of City Hall Plaza, 630 S. Central Avenue.

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

Excused: Tom Oettiker, Jane Yaeger

Absent:

Also Present: Ed Englehart, Parks & Recreation Director; Kelly Cassidy, Parks & Recreation Supervisor; Ben Steinbach, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor; Gordon J. Adler; John Scheuer, Marsh-21; Al Chaney, Marshfield Clinic; Steve Coy and Phillip E. Mauritz, Paws 'n Play Dog Park.

PR11-23 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Baur to approve the minutes of the June 16th meeting.

Motion Carried 5-0

Public Comments: None

The committee set Thursday, August 11^h at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time of their next meeting.

John Scheuer introduced Al Chaney, Marshfield Clinic, and presented information to the committee regarding the Clinic's donation of a new scoreboard for Jack Hackman Field. It is estimated to cost approximately \$20,000. Marshfield Clinic will cover all costs associated with the purchase and installation of the new scoreboard. Marshfield Clinic will be allowed to maintain their name sign on the top of the scoreboard through 2021. Englehart commented that two entities have expressed interest in the old scoreboard and he is recommending that it be sold and the net proceeds be placed in the Jack Hackman Field Fund at the Marshfield Area Community Foundation.

PR11-24 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Smith to Recommend to Board of Public Works to accept the terms of the donation with any net proceeds from the sale of the existing scoreboard being placed in the Marsh-21 - Jack Hackman Field Fund at the Marshfield Area Community Foundation for future improvements at Jack Hackman Field, and extend a thank you to the Marshfield Clinic.

Motion Carried 5-0

Steve Coy presented an overview and update regarding the operations of the Paws 'n Play Dog Park located on property owned by the Central Wisconsin State Fair Association at the Marshfield Fairgrounds Park. Steve requested that the City of Marshfield provide an annual payment of \$2,500 to the Friends of the Marshfield Area Dog Park in support of operations and maintenance of the dog park. He has met with City Administrator, Steve Barg, and he suggested that a presentation be made to the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee. The committee discussed various ideas that the group might use to raise this revenue, plus other assistance the department provides to similar organizations that offer community recreation activities. The Parks and Recreation Department will continue to remove snow from the sidewalks adjacent to the dog park.

PR11-25 Motion by Baur, seconded by Smith to send the request to City Administrator Barg and to strongly suggest that he consider funding the request in the 2012 city budget.

Motion Carried 5-0

Cassidy explained to the committee that based on the past two years of operation of the Tennis and Racquetball Center that it is necessary to increase the user fees to cover the costs of operations. She is requesting that the fee increase be approved now so that it can be advertised and implemented beginning in September when the use of the courts increases. Information was presented showing the proposed increase in fees and a recommendation to end the non-resident fees for the Tennis and Racquetball Center. Discussion followed regarding the non-resident fees and why staff was proposing to eliminate it. The committee members felt strongly that the non-resident fees should be retained.

PR11-26 Motion by Smith, seconded by Baur to increase the user fees for the Tennis and Racquetball Center as recommended and to set the non-resident fees at \$3.00 per play or \$30.00 per year. The user fees will be in effect beginning September 1, 2011 and the increased non-resident fees will go into effect January 1, 2012.

Motion Carried 5-0

Englehart presented information regarding development of the 2012 Parks and Recreation budget. No action was taken.

The Committee agreed to table discussion on the Wildwood Zoo Raptor Exhibits until a future meeting.

Information Items: The information items were reviewed.

Committee Member Questions, Comments, and Suggestions: None

Future Agenda Items: No items noted.

Communications: Englehart distributed a list of communications that the department had received since the last meeting.

PR11-27 Motion by Baur, seconded by Smith, to adjourn.

Motion Carried 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director