# Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee Minutes of September 13, 2012

Meeting called to order by Jim Wein, chairperson, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 108 of City Hall Plaza, 630 S. Central Ave.

Present: Jim Wein, Julie Smith, Jane Yaeger, Chris Viegut, Corey Sullenger, Brenda Baur, and Alderman Tom

Buttke.

**Excused:** None **Absent**: None

**Also Present:** Ed Englehart, Parks & Recreation Director; Ben Steinbach, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor; Kelly Cassidy, Parks and Recreation Supervisor; Steve Burns, Zoo Keeper; Dean Marquardt; Jack Marquardt; and Kris Berg, Marshfield Baseball Association.

PR12-31 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Yaeger to approve the minutes of the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion Carried** 7-0

**Public Comments:** None

The committee set Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time of their next meeting. They will not plan to hold a November meeting.

Jack Marquardt, a Boy Scout in Marshfield Troop 382, presented his request to construct and place two Leopold-style benches along the section of the Wildwood Station pedestrian/bicycle trail between Adler Road and Lincoln Avenue as his Eagle Scout project. Jack has reviewed the project with department staff and is awaiting final approval from the scouts. There will be no cost to the Parks and Recreation Department.

PR12-32 Motion by Baur, seconded by Yaeger to approve the request.

#### **Motion Carried** 7-0

Englehart presented a request from Alex Sainterme to be allowed to install a counter with lockable cabinets in the concession room at Griese Park as his Eagle Scout project. The project has been reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Department staff and Dick Pokorny, Building Services Supervisor. Alex is working with the Marshfield Youth Soccer Association on his project and they will assist with funding. Alex was unable to attend the meeting this evening but is willing to return to a later meeting to report on the project if approved. Alex is also still awaiting approval of the project from the Boy Scouts.

<u>PR12-33</u> Motion by Baur, seconded by Buttke to approve the request and to have Alex attend a future Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee meeting to report on the project.

#### **Motion Carried 7-0**

Kris Berg, President of Marshfield Baseball Association, presented information regarding three improvements they would like to make at the Steve J. Miller Recreation Area to assist practice and warm-up situations at the baseball fields. The improvements include two soft toss stations and a pre-game warm-up area. The improvements have been reviewed with Parks and Recreation Department staff. They would like to complete the improvements yet this fall or early spring. Berg also provided the committee with some background about the committee and overall mission to help improve baseball in Marshfield. They will be running the annual youth baseball tournaments that Marsh 21 formally ran, and will use funds generated from the tournaments to make improvements to facilities and assist the local programs.

<u>PR12-34</u> Motion by Buttke, seconded by Yaeger to approve the request from the Marshfield Baseball Association to construct the two soft toss stations and a warm-up area at Steve J. Miller Recreation Area.

## **Motion Carried** 7-0

Steve Burns, Zoo Keeper, presented information regarding his request to allow limited breeding of the white-tail deer at the Wildwood Zoo. Burns explained that the existing herd is aging and we will be losing some in the coming years. We also have a viable buck that was acquired last year, and the pasture space to segregate the buck and two younger does into a separate pasture this fall. This would be for a one-year trial basis.

<u>PR12-35</u> Motion by Buttke, seconded by Viegut to approve breeding for the white-tail deer on a controlled basis for one year.

## **Motion Carried** 7-0

**Information Items:** Staff updated the Committee on their respective areas of responsibility. Sullenger updated the committee on the Zoo Society activities and provide information about their upcoming Halloween Trick-or-Treat event scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> at the zoo. He also noted that the Zoological Society's annual meeting will be held October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Wildwood Station building.

**Volunteer Recognitions:** Englehart noted that Joe and Bernadine Weber hosted a special luncheon on September 1<sup>st</sup> at Weber Park for individuals who have volunteered or assisted in making the park a reality. A special presentation was

made to Dan Umhoefer for all his hard work over the years, and a plaque was unveiled that tells about Dan's efforts and will be mounted on the shelter at Weber Park.

Committee Member Questions, Comments, and Suggestions: Viegut suggested that possibly the team benches from the G.P. Olson and Reeths baseball fields could be used at another park location during the months that the baseball fields aren't used. No specific location was suggested but they could be used at soccer fields for team benches in lieu of the wood benches that are currently used. He also inquired about the planting of the hostas in a couple of locations in Weber Park. He doesn't feel they fit the natural setting that we have at Griese Park. Englehart commented that he thought that possibly one of the master gardeners who assist with the landscape bed and the entrance may have planted them and will follow-up with her.

## **Future Agenda Items:**

**Communications:** Englehart reviewed a few of the communications the department had received recently. Broken play equipment at Benedict Park, bees at Hamus Park, problem with individuals trespassing on private property from Griese Park, and light problems at Braem Park are a few of the more recent communications.

PR12-36 Motion by Smith, seconded by Yaeger to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion Carried** 7-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director