

**CITY OF DELAFIELD PARK AND RECREATION MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present

Patricia Barwig  
Julie Kita  
Christopher Smith  
Ald. Erv Sadowski

Absent

David Brabson  
Therese Lusic  
Andrea Shrednick

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2008

**J. KITA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 25, 2007 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. E. SADOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. Smith, speaking on behalf of the Commission, wished to thank Alderperson Erv Sadowski for his service as part of this Committee and went on to state E. Sadowski was an asset to the City in this position. E. Sadowski thanked the Committee and C. Smith for his comments and stated he would love to return for another term if possible.

With regard to the proposed trail along Nagawicka Road from Oakwood Road north to the Bark River bridge, C. Smith, speaking as a resident of the City, believed too much deference was given to the residents living along Nagawicka Road as part of the decision making process for a trail in that area. He stated the proposed trail was part of a citywide trail system project and would benefit the entire City. He had not heard that message during the course of the decision making process for the trail when considered by Council. He stated he wished things had gone differently with regard to this trail as he believed it would have been an asset to all city residents.

E. Sadowski explained a trail system was different than consideration of a trail along Nagawicka Road. He had heard several comments, with representation of 38 people living along the proposed trail stating the trail should not be expanded in that area.

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C. Smith stated he understood the decision making E. Sadowski utilized in his opinion, however, he believed there were several unrepresented thousands of people not heard and possibly represented as was in the trail plans approved by the City at an earlier date.

E. McAleer stated the trail plans had been developed historically as a guide and were not necessarily “set in stone.” He thought other opportunities for a trail would arise in the future and the residents along Nagawicka Road believed this was not the best opportunity for the trail to fulfill the Master Plan for trails.

C. Smith stated he did not wish to debate this issue but the Master Plan for trails had shown a potential trail running along Nagawicka Road as proposed recently as well as additional trails north of the Bark River bridge. He stated he was concerned that trail plans were mapped out and then in a meeting, because 38 residents found it undesirable, the plans were abandoned.

E. McAleer explained he wished to provide the Committee with some history related to the original purchase by the City of the Geeson property, now slated for future use as a city park. He went on to explain the purchase of the property was opportunistic and the City did not set out to purchase the land to fulfill a plan for a park. Instead, the land had become available as part of a land trade and the City chose to buy it. Historically, disagreements had been had regarding the land’s future use, and he wanted to encourage the Committee to consider the land as a potential resource in the future should funding need to be raised for park improvements. To that end, he suggested a portion of the land could be sold and the capital utilized to make a somewhat smaller piece of land into a nice park. He went on to explain this concept was not a policy statement, but, he thought, it was an idea worth talking about at this Committee level.

C. Smith stated he appreciated the “out of the box” thinking E. McAleer provided in this matter.

E. Sadowski stated he thought this idea worthy of consideration and the City could consider some matching funds as well.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. LAKE COUNTRY TRAIL UPDATE

C. Smith had attended the “ad hoc” group in a “Charette” meeting regarding potential trail developments. He explained the representatives from participating agencies had reviewed maps for current and future attractions in the Lake Country area. He noted the maps spanned a distance from north of Oconomowoc and

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south of Dousman, and it seemed as though Delafield provided a natural center on the map. As a result of these planning discussions, drawings would be provided to the County representatives and planning toward the Year 2015 would be noted. He further explained additional trail connections could be made in the northwest corner of the Delafield area as a result of future development in that area.

The next meeting for this group will be held on April 24, 2008. He encouraged all Committee members and any other interested parties to attend if possible.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. FIREMAN'S PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT UPDATE

J. Kita reported that D. Brabson had provided her with an email for distribution to the Committee regarding tetherball, a climbing structure in a spider concept, and space saucer structures as additional equipment proposed for Fireman's Park. The proposed total cost for installation was estimated at \$10,000.

Discussion ensued regarding the actual budgeted amount and whether the estimate included labor and installation.

J. Kita stated she would return to the next Committee meeting with firm estimate information and would also finalize information regarding installation of concrete pads at the park.

b. PARK SIGNAGE UPDATE

P. Barwig explained she had met with City of Delafield Department of Public Works (DPW) staff regarding standardization of signage throughout the City parks. She thanked P. Zellner at the DPW as he had done a great deal of work on this issue. She shared information related to potential sign materials, lettering, size, and composition. She further explained the potential signage could include additional small hanging signs between the signposts to allow further convenience in changing information. Her preference for color included green lettering on a white background with blue sailboats, as was similar in composition to the sign outside the DPW building. She shared rough estimates for the signs, noting the cost for a double sided sign was approximately \$200 dollars more than a single-sided sign. She believed that additional monies spent would to be beneficial in this case.

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E. Sadowski suggested that addition community groups be contacted, specifically the Lions, regarding donations for purchase of the sign at Fireman's Parks.

C. Smith requested the cost of a prototypical sign as well as a priority list of signs in the City's parks for purchase be shared at the next meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission.

P. Barwig explained she appreciated that a discount had been granted on all sign purchases regardless of the number of signs purchased at once and she would look forward to having the Commission recommend approval of purchase at the next meeting.

**P. BARWIG MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE SIGN FOR PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,400 FOR THE PARK TO BE DETERMINED BY CITY STAFF AND P. BARWIG. J. KITA SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion ensued regarding a banner for purchase stipulating the ice skating rink was open at St. John's Park. C. Smith stated he thought this banner should conform to signage requirements for the City. E. Sadowski stated he thought the signage for the ice skating rink should be more permanent and in a different location. C. Smith suggested the open sign be placed on the new park signage itself.

Discussion ensued regarding the plowing of the ice rink for usage this past season. C. Smith stated the plowing of the ice rink would be slated on a future agenda of the Park and Recreation Commission for future discussion later in the year.

c. JENSEN PARK UPDATE

Due to the absence of A. Shrednick, there was nothing to report at this time.

d. OAKWOOD PARK AND PRAIRIE FLOWER PLANTING UPDATE

P. Barwig reported she had spoken to staff at Prairie Restoration regarding potential prairie flower planting efforts at Oakwood Park. She noted the Staff did not do presentations, but would be willing to go to the park and make recommendations on what type of seeding and planting should take place. The cost associated with making such a recommendation would be \$35 per hour.

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**P. BARWIG MOTIONED THAT PRAIRIE FRONTIER STAFF EVALUATE THE OAKWOOD PARK SITE FOR FUTURE SEEDING AND RESTORATION OF PLANTINGS FOR THE SITE, NOT TO EXCEED \$100. J. KITA SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion ensued regarding how much anticipated seed would be needed for the site, and whether several bids should be gathered for endeavor. P. Barwig stated she thought it was important to place wildflowers on the site as it would better hold the soil for the future instead of letting the noxious weeds seed themselves hindering future removal efforts. Discussion also ensued regarding the gravel grinding to make the path and possibly the parking lot.

E. Sadowski suggested additional estimates be gathered for seeding as well as additional discussion regarding efforts to be accomplished at the park site this year and into the future. He suggested working with other groups to secure funding such as corporate sponsorships and other organizations that might utilize the park space in the future. He will speak to the chair of the One Delafield group regarding an invitation to a future planning session for the park space to gather support for the park projects.

J. Kita suggested a representative from the soccer association that would be utilizing the park would be beneficial as well in consideration of future park uses.

C. Smith stated he would add Oakwood Park as an action item for a future agenda.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

C. Smith stated he had received an email from Waukesha County regarding implementation of recycling efforts in the City parks. He stated a County recycling representative might be attending a future meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission to discuss this concept.

a. PARK RECYCLING

There was nothing additional to report regarding park recycling efforts.

- C. Smith stated the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting would take place on April 28, 2008. Items slated for that agenda included:

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- Hartland Community Education program overview
- Consideration and discussion on efforts associated with June 20 and 21 Delafield Block Party

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**E. SADOWSKI MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 24, 2008, PARK AND RECREATION MEETING AT 8:00 PM. P. BARWIG SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes Prepared By:

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