



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

*Chairman Robert Hayes, Alderman Aron Wisneski
Alderman Terry McCarthy, Daryl Carter, Joey LeGath
Michael Frontier, Amanda DeSonia
Pamala Handrow, Ken Lumpkin*

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

Chairman Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM.

Staff present: Donnie Snow, Jack Schumann, Tom Molbeck, Sherri Ruud

PRESENT: 7 - Joey LeGath, Amanda DeSonia, Pamala Handrow, Aron Wisneski, Robert Hayes, Terry McCarthy and Michael Frontier

ABSENT: 1 - Ken Lumpkin

EXCUSED: 1 - Daryl Carter

Approval of Minutes for the November 17, 2010 Meeting

A motion was made by Vice Chair Terry McCarthy, seconded by Pamala Handrow, to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Public Input

No public input

Director's Report

Director's Report for December was distributed.

Director Snow announced the hiring of Matthew Koepnick as the new Forester. Matthew, a native of Racine, is in the process of relocating from Las Vegas, Nevada to Racine. While a definite start date has not yet been set, it is anticipated he will start by the end of December.

Director Snow also advised that on October 30, 2010, James Wilson, Recreation Supervisor at the Dr. M.L. King Community Center, was inducted into the UW-Whitewater Athletic Hall of Fame for basketball. James helped UW-Whitewater win the 1984 conference championship, and earned a berth in the NCAA Division III tournament in both 1983 and 1984. Both squads advanced to the Final Four, with the 1984 team winning the national title.

A motion was made by Aron Wisneski, seconded by Michael Frontier, to Receive and File the Report. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Zoological Society Report

Zoological Society Report for December was distributed.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Terry McCarthy, seconded by Pam Handrow, to Receive and File the Report. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10-5765

Subject: Communication from Village of Caledonia East Sewer Utility District submitting an easement contract for installation of facilities through the Racine Zoological property, 2131 North Main Street. (Res.10-2302)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 11-30-10: That the existing sanitary sewer easement agreement between the City of Racine and the Village of Caledonia East Sewer Utility District be amended to update the easement area and that the Temporary Construction Easement Agreement be approved as contained in Exhibit A (attached).

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 12-8-10: To approve the communication from the Village of Caledonia East Sewer Utility District submitting an easement contract for installation of facilities through the Racine Zoological property, 2131 North Main Street, with the following conditions:

- City Attorney's office to review the specific conditions in the interest of the City.
- Refer to the Zoological Society for review and impact on the Zoo's master plan and future projects.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Michele Klappa-Sullivan of Foth Infrastructure & Environment spoke regarding the Village of Caledonia East Sewer Utility District's easement contract for installation of facilities through the Racine Zoological property. The sewer has deteriorated and must be replaced; this is an adjustment of the current easement. They will be straightening the line and will return in the Spring to replace walkways and grass on Zoo property.

Director Snow advised that the Zoological Society's Master Plan should be taken into consideration, and that the City Attorney should also review the easement.

Ald. Wisneski asked if any animal habitats would be disturbed; Ms. Klappa-Sullivan advised that no animal exhibits would be affected.

A motion was made by Aron Wisneski, seconded by Pamala Handrow, to Approve the communication from the Village of Caledonia East Sewer Utility District submitting an easement contract for installation of facilities through the Racine Zoological property, 2131 North Main Street, with the following conditions:

- City Attorney's office to review the specific conditions in the interest of the City.
- Refer to the Zoological Society for review and impact on the Zoo's master plan and future projects.

The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[10-5485](#)

Subject: Communication from Annmarie G. Klyzub requesting a ban on smoking in City parks.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 9-8-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 11-17-10: To defer to the next meeting, and further requests that Staff work with the City Attorney to bring ideas back to the Board at the next meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 12-8-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A.

Director Snow advised that staff is still working with the City Attorney to come up with possible ideas to ban/restrict smoking in parks. They are looking at language from other municipalities in the area.

A motion was made by Michael Frontier, seconded by Aron Wisneski, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[10-5611](#)

Subject: Communication from Richard Christensen, 1831 Neptune Avenue requesting to meet with the appropriate committee to discuss some issues involving Johnson Park Golf Course.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 11-17-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 12-8-10: To receive and file the communication.

Fiscal Note: N/A.

Richard Christensen appeared and advised that on the weekends at Johnson Park Golf Course, the same people year after year receive the same tee times with no lottery for the times. He also disapproves of the rule at Johnson Park that you must play 18 holes on the weekends with a foursome. He feels the lack of the lottery for weekend tee times and the mandatory 18 hole / foursome requirement is unfair, and no other golf courses in the area have these requirements.

Scott Schuit of Johnson Park Golf Course appeared and indicated that Saturday and Sunday mornings is "prime time" and generates 25 percent of the total revenue of the golf course. There is an online form for the weekend tee times that golfers complete and submit in February, with a March deadline. There is a \$150 fee per group for the tee times. He acknowledged there is no lottery; however, by running the program this way he feels it is generating repeat business.

Scott Schuit also advised there are alternatives to Johnson's Park on the weekends:

- 1. Play at Shoop or Washington Park*
- 2. Play before 7:45 AM on the back 9 at Johnson Park*
- 3. Wait until the afternoon to play at Johnson Park*
- 4. Call Johnson Park Friday night after 6:00 PM to see if there are any available tee times due to cancellations.*

Scott indicated that a twosome playing 9 holes at Johnson Park pays \$28.00; a foursome with a cart pays \$166.00 for 18 holes.

Director Snow advised the revenue generated from Johnson Park Golf Course is critical to the department.

A motion was made by Joey LeGath, seconded by Aron Wisneski, to Receive and File the Communication. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[10-5838](#)

Subject: [Direct Referral] Lockwood Tennis Court Resurfacing

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 12-8-10: That this be Deferred until the February meeting, with Staff to investigate and report back the total cost to repair and resurface the Lockwood Tennis Courts to club quality.

Fiscal Note: Unknown at this time.

There was discussion regarding the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Lockwood Park. While there is funding available to resurface the courts, the manufacturer of the resurfacing product would not guarantee the application due to the present flaking surface.

There is a special high power sandblaster to remove the present flaking surface that the resurfacing manufacturer recommends; however, the closest piece of equipment is in Texas, and it is felt the expense to move the equipment to Racine would highly inflate the total cost of the project.

Another option would be to acid wash the surface, but the acid seeps into the fine cracks in the post tension concrete, which may deteriorate the plastic wrapped cables, creating a safety hazard - the potential exists that the cables could snap and kill someone.

Ald. McCarthy would like to know the cost of moving the equipment from Texas to Racine, and the total cost of the project.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Terry McCarthy, seconded by Michael Frontier, that this be Deferred until the February meeting, with Staff to investigate and report back the total cost to repair and resurface the Lockwood Tennis Courts to club quality. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Miscellaneous

The Board requested copies of the Mayor's Park Pride Advisory Committee meeting minutes in the future.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Joey LeGath moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2011, City Hall Annex, Room 130

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