



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Chairman Robert Hayes, Alderman Aron Wisneski, Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman Terry McCarthy, Kelli Stein, Darryl Carter, Joey LeGath, Gaynell Dyess, Michael Frontier, Debbi Embry, Amanda DeSonia, Pamela Handrow

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

PRESENT: 7 - Kelli Stein, Joey LeGath, Amanda DeSonia, Pamela Handrow, Gaynell Dyess, Aron Wisneski and Michael Frontier

EXCUSED: 4 - Darryl Carter, Robert Hayes, Terry McCarthy and Debbi Embry

Staff present: Donnie Snow, Jack Schumann, Tom Molbeck, Cathy Petrouske

Guests: Matthew Snyder, Bob Milke, Joe Mooney, Keith Haas, Ald. Greg Holding

Approval of Minutes for August 13, 2008 Meeting

to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

No Public Input

Director's Report

Snow said that a dedication ceremony was held to rename Cheska Park to Vidian - Cheska Park. A new type of sign is in place at the park and this will be the new style of sign that will be used in the parks.

Dyess moved and Wisneski seconded the motion to receive and file. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Wisneski moved and Dyess seconded the motion to receive and file the minutes. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

Zoological Society Report

No written report.

08-2594

Subject: Communication from Matthew C. Snyder wishing to discuss placing a permanent bronze plaque at Horlick Athletic Field honoring former Racine professional football teams, the Horlick-Racine Legion and the Racine Tornados.

Matthew Snyder appeared and gave a brief history of former football teams in Racine. He said the plaque would be the same size and design as the plaque already at the field. There will be no cost to the City. Snow said staff would help with the installation of the sign.

Wisneski moved and Dyess seconded the motion to approve the request. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

08-2596

Subject: Communication from the President of the Racine Raider Alumni Association wishing to discuss the details of a new structure at Horlick Athletic Field to house the Racine Pro, Semi-Pro Minor League Historical Museum.

Bob Milke appeared and said that the museum would be to honor all football teams that have played in Racine. There would be no cost to the City. The group already has donations for the museum. The museum will be manned during any football game at the field and there will not be an admission cost. Milke thanked the PRCS Department for all the co-operation over the years. Snow said staff would work with the group regarding the make up of the structure.

Wisneski moved and Dyess seconded the motion to defer for more final plans to be brought to the Board. Passed unan.

Deferred

08-2539

Subject: Communication from the Wastewater Utility General Manager requesting use of park land for construction of an underground interceptor sewer to aid in relief of flooding in the neighborhood of Virginia Street

Keith Haas appeared and said while this is City property he does like to inform the Board and get their input. This work will necessitate the removal of eight trees and the Utility will make some type of improvement at the park in return. A public meeting will be held on September 25. Frontier thanked Haas for bringing this request before the Board.

LeGath moved and it was seconded by Wisneski to approve the request from the Wastewater Utility General Manager requesting the use of park land for construction of an underground interceptor sewer to aid in relief of flooding in the neighborhood of Virginia Street. Further recommend that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

- A. Obtain all necessary City of Racine and DNR permits.*
- B. Restore ground disturbed and clean up other debris as this area is a landfill.*
- C. Replace any lost tree cover or vegetation in the area to mitigate the environmental impacts on the project.*

Further recommend that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services provide limited assistance in the interest of the City to implement this project.

Recommended For Approval

Discussion of Proposed 2009 Budget

Snow said that a copy of the Fees & Charges information is presented this evening, along with comparisons to other communities. Discussion was held and fee structures were reviewed.

Frontier moved and it was seconded by Wisneski to increase fees for the Playground Programs by 10% to the nearest dollar. Ayes, 5. No's, 2. Passed.

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Dyess to approve the 2009 Proposed Fees & Charges schedule as amended. Passed unan.

Mike Frontier excused at 6:52 p.m.

Discussion of Proposed 2009 Fees & Charges

Snow presented the Proposed 2009 Budget for the PRCS Department.

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Dyess to receive and file. Passed unan.

Committee Appointments - Chairman Hayes

Chairman Hayes was excused from this meeting and will make committee appointments at the October meeting.

DeSonia moved and it was seconded by Handrow to defer Committee appointments to the October meeting.

Miscellaneous

Wisneski showed a presentation from a volunteer group that is planning new playground equipment for Lockwood Park. Some features of the plans are that the equipment will be ADA accessible and a possible rain garden.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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