

***DIRECTORS REPORT
FOR
THE AUGUST 9th, 2006
BOARD OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES***

1. The 2007 budget process has begun. The Mayor's goal for the 2007 budget is to continue to innovate and develop new strategies for delivering quality services while staying within spending and levy limits that the state has imposed. To do this will require the PRCS Department budget to be held at a 0% increase over last year.
2. Item 06-2159 is a communication from the Alderman of the 14th District (Hart) wishing to discuss the Department of Public Works taking over the Parks Department that was referred to the Committee of the Whole.
3. I have been working with Kathy Kasper in the Finance Department to follow through on a communication from the Alderman of the 10th District requesting a comprehensive study of all Parks and Recreation fees be conducted and presented to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.
4. The lakefront was host to three major events during the month of July. On July 14 and 15, the EVP Sand Volleyball Tour used North Beach to host it's first sand volleyball tournament in Racine. Teams as far away as Hawaii came to compete. Also that same weekend, the Annual Slammin' A Rama Volleyball event used Pershing Park to host it's grass tournament. The Triathlon was the third event that took place throughout Racine County the weekend of July 22 and 23, but the finish line and main attraction was at North Beach. The weather cooperated allowing the participants and spectators to enjoy all of the events.
5. The following bids have been received:
 - A. Replacing the bridge at Johnson Golf Course by the 18th hole, Bane – Nelson, Inc., base bid of \$192,800 plus alternate bid #1 of \$27,000 and alternate bid #2 of \$15,000 for a total contract of \$234,800
 - B. Concrete replacement at Wustum Museum Storage Building, J.B. Concrete Construction, LLC, \$2,132.50
 - C. Asphalt paving at the Zoo and Graceland Cemetery, Cicchini Asphalt Paving, Inc., \$14,000 for the Zoo and \$18,825.79 for the Cemetery for a total contract of \$32,825.79
 - D. Installing a roll up security shutter over the North Beach concession stand east windows, Jim's Garage Door Service, Inc., \$2,800.

6. The following are presently being bid:
 - A. Asbestos testing at Mary Ellen Johnson Preserve shelter, estimate \$100
 - B. Fence removal at various parks, estimate \$10,000
 - C. Replacing the boiler at Lakeview building, estimate \$18,000.
7. National Night Out events took place on Tuesday, August 1. Many of the parks hosted the events with food, entertainment and time to socialize. The weather was very warm; however, the events were a success. The parks that hosted the events are as follows: Tyler – Domer Community Center, Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center, Dr. John Bryant Community Center, Marquette Park, Matson Park, Solbraa Park and Greencrest Park.
8. The Adult Sand Volleyball Leagues will be coming to an end the week of August 7. The department has received many positive comments and suggested changes/improvements for next year. With the combination of the EVP Sand Volleyball Tour, new volleyball standards and beautiful lakefront, we expect the number of teams to increase in 2007.
9. Meetings attended this month:
 - Milwaukee County Parks Tour*
 - Zoological Society*
 - CDBG*

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie Snow
Director