



Board of Park Commissioners

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
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Regular Meeting

Final Minutes

Thursday, September 17, 2020

6:30 PM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board Member Randy Soquet

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Casey Nelson	Aldersperson	Present	
Melissa Thiel Collar	Board Member	Present	
Ryan Jennings	Board Member	Absent	
Rick Klinkenberg	Board Member	Present	
Amy Chandik Kundering	Aldersperson	Present	
Dean Raasch	Aldersperson	Present	
Randy Soquet	Board Member	Present	
Lydia McMorow	Teen Advisor	Present	
Christopher Soquet	Teen Advisor	Excused	

Others present: Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, Paula Rahn, Recreation Superintendent, John McDonald, Recreation Supervisor, Grace Lahtela, Administrative Assistant, Jason Hale and Rustin Schwandt of Somerville.

II. Action Items

1. Approve Board of Pak Commissioners Minutes from the August 20, 2020 Meeting.

Aldersperson Raasch moved to approve the Board of Park Commissioners minutes from the August 20, 2020 meeting, seconded by Ryan Jennings. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Ryan Jennings, Board Member
AYES:	Nelson, Thiel Collar, Jennings, Klinkenberg, Kundering, Raasch, Soquet

2. Consideration and Approval to Accept \$250 Donation from Pink Flamingos to the Recreation Scholarship Fund*

Aldersperson Chandik-Kundering moved to accept a \$250 donation from the Pink Flamingos to the Recreation Scholarship Fund, seconded by Melissa Thiel-Collar. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Chandik Kundering, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Board Member
AYES:	Nelson, Thiel Collar, Klinkenberg, Kundering, Raasch, Soquet
ABSENT:	Ryan Jennings

3. Consideration and Recommendation of Membership Rates for De Pere Pool Facilities in 2021.*

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry gave a summary of local NE Wisconsin pool membership and day pass rates that were obtained. There are three different options that were compiled for the pools in 2021. With VFW being drastically

different than Legion, we thought that there should be a lower cost for residents that want to use Legion Pool only. Option 1 is to have a separate membership rate for Legion Pool and a membership rate for the use of both pools. This option also allows for a lower day pass fee for Legion. Option 2 is to have separate membership rates for VFW and Legion Pools, but have the same day pass rate. Option 3 is to have the same membership rate for both pools. Option 1 as presented is slightly different than the one in the packet. All options have a high non-resident rate because neighboring communities have been asked to participate in an aquatic center and they have not been willing to help partner with the project. Staff recommendation would be to go with Option 1 as presented, not what is in the packet.

Melissa Thiel-Collar questioned if Green Bay has different rates for the Resch Center and their neighborhood pools.

John McDonald, Recreation Supervisor, stated that Green Bay has one membership fee for all pools, but runs different specials and rates for different activities.

Alderperson Raasch moved to approve Option 1 for membership rates for the De Pere Pool facilities in 2021 as presented by staff, seconded by Alderperson Nelson.

Discussion followed.

Randy Soquet commented that he reached out to pool users and stated the residents felt that it was a large jump going from \$70 to \$110, and with the referendum the residents are already being taxed for the pool.

Alderperson Raasch feels that the fees presented are reasonable for the facilities that will be available.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry explained that De Pere is the only local community of its size that has two pools and the proposed rates are very comparable to other local municipalities.

Ryan Jennings agrees that non-residents should pay extra, and questioned how many individual are included in a family membership.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry explained that a family membership is up to 5 individuals and each additional membership would be \$6 per person.

Ryan Jennings suggested the possibility of approving Option 1, but eliminate family size.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry explained that family size is approved in policy, not stipulated in the membership rates. With Park Board recommendation, changing the family size for pool memberships could be brought back as a policy change.

Alderperson Chandik-Kundinger questioned if there are any type of scholarships or assistance that families can get for memberships.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry explained that around 75% of the Recreation Scholarship funds given are for family pool memberships.

Upon vote, the above motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
SECONDER:	Casey Nelson, Alderperson
AYES:	Nelson, Thiel Collar, Klinkenberg, Kundinger, Raasch, Soquet
ABSENT:	Ryan Jennings

III. Presentations

1. Presentation of Survey Results for Multi-Use Facility at Voyageur Park from Somerville.

Jason Hale and Rustin Schwandt from Somerville gave a detailed presentation of concepts for the Voyageur Park multi-use building. The presentation focused on the online survey results; results of the pdf photo survey; and a summary and analysis from the results of both surveys.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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IV. Discussion Items

1. Discussion with Somerville Consultants on Concepts and Location for Multi-Use Facility at Voyageur Park.

An in-depth discussion with Somerville regarding concepts and location of the multi-purpose building at Voyageur Park followed.

Alderson Chandik-Kundinger questioned the size of the rooms and recommends a location of the building where the playground was still in view.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry discussed the location of the facility. He stated from a staff standpoint, the location should be as convenient for as many facets of the park as possible. Location A, as proposed in the presentation, probably does the best at that. Also, for the building to be as multi-use as possible, the uniqueness of the bowl should be utilized in some capacity. Although garage doors did not receive a high ranking on the survey, staff would recommend large doors on the facility for use with the beer gardens. This allows the ability for the beer trailer to be backed into the facility.

Alderson Chandik-Kundinger commented on the functionality, cost savings, and ability to use portable heat lamps versus full heating of the building.

Randy Soquet agrees with the sight location A as being the best choice for the building.

Alderson Nelson strongly favors putting the building in a location that has a good view of the river, and has concerns of location A due to the trees blocking the view. The river view should be a priority in the location. Looking at the pictures from the survey, he is not in favor of a really large roof, which will block the view beyond the building. He would also support a water bottle filling station versus the water fountain.

Randy Soquet agreed with Alderson Nelson regarding the large roof line and blocking the view at this location.

Ryan Jennings questioned if there are other ways that can enclose the large area without the use of garage doors. Also, to avoid congestion inside the building, it would be a good idea for there to be a concession window on the side building.

Jason Hale questioned if the room sizes listed are adequate, or if there is a certain position the rooms should be, bowl side or river side.

Randy Soquet commented that the kitchen area seems large and would like to have more space for seating and event space.

Alderson Nelson questioned if the outdoor seating area would be split in two areas; one overlooking the river and one overlooking the bowl.

Ryan Jennings commented that it might be a good idea to have mobile kitchen furniture that can be utilized or pushed up against the wall when not in use. He is not in favor of providing a PA or sound system.

Randy Soquet questioned if there was a timeline when the initial drawings would be presented to the Park Board.

Jason Hale explained that they will have drawings but together by the next Park Board meeting.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Report on 2020 Fall Recreation Classes

Paula Rahn, Recreation Superintendent provided a report on the 2020 Recreation Classes. In the fall there were 10 classes that were cancelled due to low attendance, with the possibility of an additional two more being cancelled. Overall, there have been 27 programs or classes cancelled in total.

Melissa Thiel-Collar thanked Paula and her staff for the excellent job they did.

Ryan Jennings stated he was impressed with the number of classes that were able to be held.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry commented that he is super proud of the recreation staff and their ability to figure out a way to offer classes to the public.

Randy Soquet also commented that he is impressed with the number of programs that are running.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

V. Staff Updates

1. VFW Aquatic Facility construction status report.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry gave an update on the VFW Aquatic Facility. They are pouring the rest of the floor in the main pool, which has 1 million pounds of concrete in just the floor. The walls of the main pool will be poured in the next couple weeks. In the next two to three weeks they are hoping that the bath house will be enclosed and the walls of the mechanical building will be going up. We are trying to take weekly drone shots and doing Facebook live videos during the construction to show residents the progress being made.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. Future Agenda Items

Ryan Jennings requested a discussion about what entitles a family pool pass.

VII. Adjournment

Alderperson Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Ryan Jennings.

Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Lahtela