



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
<http://www.de-pere.org>

Final Minutes

Thursday, October 27, 2016

6:30 PM

De Pere City Hall Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board Member George Brown

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Donovan	Aldersperson	Present	
Larry Lueck	Aldersperson	Excused	
Lisa Rafferty	Aldersperson	Present	
George Brown	Board Member	Present	
Sue Schinkten	Board Member	Present	
Randy Soquet	Board Member	Present	
Bill Volpano	Board Member	Present	
Ella Bublotz	Teen Advisor	Present	
Rachel McMorrow	Teen Advisor	Present	

II. Action Items

1. Review and Approve Board of Park Commissioners Meeting Minutes 9-15-16.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Rafferty, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

2. Consider fundraising effort to improve Southwest Park Playground.*

Randy Soquet made a motion to open the meeting at 6:32 p.m., seconded by Sue Schinkten.

Mary Meyer, De Pere resident gave a presentation of the themed playground at Southwest Park. Mary explained, along with the presentation how the fundraising would be handled for the playground build. Mary stated the build would be strictly volunteer. Mary took questions from the board in reference to the playground build. Mary also stated the playground build may also have a splash pad incooperated. Marty Kosobucki stated this motion would not include the splash pad.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to close the meeting at 6:49 p.m., seconded by Bill Volpano.

Mary Meyer presented the board with a \$2500 donation from the neighbors in the Southwest Park area to jumpstart the program. The donation will appear on the November Park Board Agenda.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

3. Consider allowing overnight docking at Voyageur Boat docks.

Alderperson Donovan made a motion to open the meeting at 6:50 p.m., seconded by Sue Schinkten.

Mural Adams and Patrick Gokey from the Wind Jammer's Sailing Club spoke with the board about allowing overnight docking at Voyageur Boat docks. Mural and Patrick took questions about the overnight docking. Mural and Patrick explained why they would like the overnight docking at Voyageur Park.

Randy Soquet made a motion to close the meeting at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Sue Schinkten.

Randy Soquet made a motion to direct staff to draft a policy to address the issue of overnight docking at Voyageur Park, seconded by Alderperson Donovan.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
SECONDER:	Michael Donovan, Alderperson
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

4. Consider maintaining the Fox River Trail during the winter season.*

Marty Kosobucki spoke with the board in reference to the clearing of the Fox River Trail and the request which was being presented. Marty detailed information he had acquired in reference to the clearing of the trail and some concerns staff has with the request.

Randy Soquet made a motion to open the meeting at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Sue Schinkten.

Joe Dye, Chairman of LIVE 54218 spoke with the board about the request for maintaining the Fox River Trail during the winter season.

Joshua Schwalbe, citizen spoke with the board about the request for maintaining the Fox River Trail during the winter season.

Jen VandenElzen, member of LIVE 54218 spoke with the board about the request for maintaining the Fox River Trail during the winter season.

Heather Gentry, citizen spoke with the board about the request for maintaining the Fox River Trail during the winter season.

Ryan Jennings, Alderperson spoke with the board about the request for maintaining the Fox River Trail during the winter season.

Bill Volpano made a motion to close the meeting at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Alderperson Donovan.

There was a lengthy discussion about the clearing of the trail by the board members.

RANDY SOQUET MADE A MOTION TO SEND THE REQUEST FOR MAINTAINING THE FOX RIVER TRAIL TO THE DE PERE COMMON COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL FORMALLY REQUEST BROWN COUNTY TO MAINTAIN THE TRAIL FOR 12 MONTHS, INCLUDING SNOW REMOVAL, SECONDED BY ALDERPERSON DONOVAN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESULT:	NO ACTION [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
SECONDER:	Michael Donovan, Alderperson
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

5. Review and Approve revisions to Annual Boat Launch program.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER:	Lisa Rafferty, Alderperson
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

6. Review and Approve Pink Flamingo Donation*.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

7. Review and Approve lease agreement with Humana for Sports Park.*

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

8. Review and Approve Community Center Rental Request Until 1:00 am.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
SECONDER:	Lisa Rafferty, Alderperson
AYES:	Rafferty, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet, Volpano
NAYS:	Michael Donovan
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

9. Review and Approve Recreation Division 2016 3rd Quarter Report

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

10. Review and Approve Quarterly Report for Ice Arena.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Donovan, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

11. Consider changes to Tree Specification Manual.

Marty Kosobucki reviewed with the board potential changes to the current Tree Specification Manual and took questions from the board in reference to the Tree Specification Manual.

Alderperson Jennings gave a presentation on reasons why he believed the Tree Specification Manual should be changed and what he would like to see changed.

There was discussion from the board members and questions on the changes to the Tree Specification Manual.

Don Melichar, City Forester was asked for his opinion by the board. Don stated he felt the manual should stay as is and gave reason for his stance.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to approve the changes to the Tree Specification Manual as recommended with Item #1 being 30' from the street intersection and Item #3 being 5' from the property line, seconded by Lisa Rafferty.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER:	Lisa Rafferty, Alderperson
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

12. Approval of the Draft 2017 ADRC Agreement.*

Marty Kosobucki spoke with board about the ADRC agreement and the changes to the agreement. Marty took questions from the board.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

13. Consider direction in addressing aging conditions of VFW and Legion Pools.*

Marty Kosobucki reported the committee for the direction of the aging of VFW and Legion Pool issue had met, which consisted of Alderperson Donovan, Bill Volpano and Marty.

Marty Kosobucki gave a presentation to the board in reference to the issue of the two pools. Marty took questions from the board members during the presentation. The discussion items were the maintenance issues of the two pools and the different options for the two pools. The options presented were as follows:

- 1) Keep both pools and renovate.
- 2) Keep both pools and improve them both to an aquatic center.
- 3) Eliminate both pools and replace with one aquatic center.
- 4) Eliminate both pools and replace with one splash pad and one aquatic center.

Marty presented the pros and cons of each option.

Randy Soquet made a motion to open the meeting at 9:16 p.m., seconded by Alderperson Donovan.

Kathy Potter, citizen of De Pere gave her opinion on the issue of the two pools and the aquatic center.

The discussion continued at length about the conditions of the two pools and the aquatic center.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to close the meeting at 9:39 p.m., seconded by Randy Soquet.

George Brown made a motion to recommend the city consider replacing the two pools with one aquatic center, with the location yet to be determined based on further study, seconded by Sue Schinkten.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	George Brown, Board Member
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet
NAYS:	Bill Volpano
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

III. Public Comment Period

None

IV. Future Agenda Items

Randy Soquet asked for an update on how the movie nights had gone throughout the summer.

Jenny Hammes, Recreation Supervisor gave a report of the movie nights and stated they had gone really well.

V. Staff Updates

None

VI. Adjournment

Sue Schinkten made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. seconded by Randy Soquet.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Zierson