



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

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

Final Minutes

Thursday, September 20, 2018

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
Ryan Jennings	Aldersperson	Present	
Larry Lueck	Aldersperson	Present	
Dean Raasch	Aldersperson	Absent	
George Brown	Board Member	Present	
Sue Schinkten	Board Member	Present	
Randy Soquet	Board Member	Late	6:42 PM
Bill Volpano	Board Member	Present	
Lydia McMorro	Teen Advisor	Present	
William Soquet	Teen Advisor	Late	6:42 PM

II. Action Items

1. Approve Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the August 16, 2018 Meeting.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to approve the Board of Park Commissioner's minutes from the August 16, 2018 meeting, seconded by Aldersperson Lueck. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER:	Larry Lueck, Aldersperson
AYES:	Jennings, Lueck, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
ABSENT:	Dean Raasch
EXCUSED:	Randy Soquet

2. Approve \$2,500 Donation from Wal*Mart for Tables & Furniture*

Bill Volpano made a motion to accept a \$2,500 donation from Wal-mart for tables and furniture at the Community Center, seconded by Sue Schinkten. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Lueck, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
ABSENT:	Dean Raasch
EXCUSED:	Randy Soquet

3. Approve \$500 Donation from De Pere Optimist Club for Past Easter Egg Hunt.*

Sue Schinkten made a motion to accept a \$500 donation from the De Pere Optimist Club for the past Easter Egg Hunt, seconded by Aldersperson Jennings. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER:	Ryan Jennings, Alderperson
AYES:	Jennings, Lueck, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
ABSENT:	Dean Raasch
EXCUSED:	Randy Soquet

4. Approval to Accept Tree Donation from the GB Packers, WDNR, GB Packaging, WPS & SCA.*

Alderperson Jennings made a motion to accept a tree donation from the Green Bay Packers, WDNR, Green Bay Packaging, WPS and SCA, seconded by Bill Volpano. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ryan Jennings, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Lueck, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
ABSENT:	Dean Raasch
EXCUSED:	Randy Soquet

5. Consider Grant Application to WDNR for Forestry Inventory.*

Due to the application deadline the grant application was approved, contingent on the Board of Park Commissioner's approval, at the September 18, 2018 Common Council meeting.

Alderperson Lueck made a motion to approve the grant application to the WDNR for forestry inventory, seconded by Sue Schinkten. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Lueck, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Lueck, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
ABSENT:	Dean Raasch
EXCUSED:	Randy Soquet

6. Consider installation of VFW Playground.

Marty Kosobucki gave a summary of the playground at VFW Park, stating the location of the playground was postponed until the location of the aquatic center was confirmed. With the delay in the aquatic center and the age of the existing playground equipment, staff recommends moving forward and requesting new proposals for the playground, with construction to be in the spring or summer.

Discussion followed.

George Brown questioned the location relative to the hockey rink and the timing of the proposals.

Bill Volpano made a motion to move forward with the VFW playground, seconded by Sue Schinkten. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Lueck, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
ABSENT:	Dean Raasch
EXCUSED:	Randy Soquet

7. Consider Riparian Rights Agreement for Habitat Restoration off Voyageur Park.*

Randy and William Soquet arrived to the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Marty Kosobucki gave a summary of the agreement for habitat restoration by Voyageur Park. There were some concerns with the wording of the agreement that states the city is responsible for future maintenance and repairs if needed. The WDNR and Foth and Van Dyke are willing to remove this wording from the agreement and replace it with language that implies the city will provide support with the maintenance and repairs.

Discussion followed.

Aldersperson Jennings commented on concerns with boaters not seeing the structures.

Bill Volpano commented on them being a boating hindrance.

Sue Schinkten questioned the timing of the project.

Aldersperson Jennings made a motion to approve the agreement with the understanding that the responsibility for future maintenance or repair of the habitat structures is removed and replaced with something that puts De Pere in a supporting role, seconded by Aldersperson Lueck. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ryan Jennings, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Larry Lueck, Aldersperson
AYES:	Jennings, Lueck, Brown, Schinkten, Soquet, Volpano
ABSENT:	Dean Raasch

III. Discussion Item

1. Discuss VFW Pool damage and options to consider.

Marty Kosobucki explained the damage that occurred to the VFW pool, stating that when staff was emptying the pool for the season, the diving well pushed out of the ground. It appears excess groundwater is what caused the problems, but we have no idea where the excess groundwater came from. There hasn't been any excess water loss for the year and it has been very dry throughout the summer. There have been a couple of contractors that inspected the pool and it is estimated the repairs would be between \$700,000-\$800,000.

With the binding referendum in November, staff would recommend that no decision is made on repairs, until the results of the referendum are in.

Discussion followed.

George Brown questioned the amount for the repairs.

Bill Volpano questioned the time frame of building an aquatic center if the referendum passes.

Randy Soquet questioned the time frame of repairing pool.

George Brown recommends waiting until after the November referendum to make any decisions.

Sue Schinkten agrees with the recommendation of waiting to make any decisions until after the referendum.

Aldersonperson Jennings commented on the time frame and costs of the deconstruction of the pool.

Aldersonperson Lueck recommended that staff starts planning that there will not be a pool at VFW next year.

Randy Soquet made a motion to open the meeting for public comment at 7:00 pm, seconded by Sue Schinkten. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

Ken Hutjens, a member of The Save Legion Pool committee, stated the committee agrees with waiting until after the referendum to make any decisions. Also, instead of making repairs, the committee recommends to start getting into the redesign and rebuild of the pools.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to return to regular order at 7:03 pm, seconded by Aldersonperson Jennings. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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2. Discuss proposal of implementing a Beer Garden at Voyageur Park.

Aldersonperson Nelson gave a presentation on beer gardens and stated that he feels a beer garden would be a great way to bring people to Voyageur Park. Beer gardens create a sense of community, with large picnic tables to sit with neighbors and friends and enjoy the park. Some objectives of the cultural district plan were to get more foot traffic downtown by connecting the river and Voyageur Park to Broadway Street, and to come up with creative incentives to get businesses to locate downtown. A beer garden could be a great way to accomplish these objectives. Aldersonperson Nelson is looking for park board approval for staff to research beer gardens and what changes would be needed. Discussion followed.

George Brown questioned the operations of the beer gardens.

Sue Schinkten questioned liquor licenses for the city and if bar owners would be opposed.

Aldersonperson Lueck feels this is a great idea and is completely supportive of investigating it further.

Bill Volpano questioned the type of structure that would be needed.

Sue Schinkten questioned what impact a beer garden at Voyageur Park would have on the community stage.

Aldersonperson Jennings feels this is a great proposal, but questioned the location at Voyageur Park and if it would draw people away from downtown. He feels that a traveling beer garden for use in multiple parks would be better.

George Brown feels it is a great idea to explore.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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IV. Staff Updates

1. Update on request to WDNR related to extending the Fish Wildlife Refuge period.

Marty Kosobucki stated that the WDNR is moving forward with recommending extending the fish refuge period, however changes in the guidelines will not happen until after the conservation congress meets in the spring.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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2. Donation of Pool Table Supplies & \$200 Donation from Men's Club for past Easter Egg Hunt

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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V. Future Agenda Items

Alderperson Lueck wanted a update on the lighted tennis courts at De Pere High School.

VI. Public Comment Period

The meeting was opened to public comment, at the start of the meeting, at 6:33 pm by Sue Schinkten, seconded by Bill Volpano. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote. George Hull spoke regarding the problem with goose poop at the Brown County Fairground boat launch. A packet of information containing possible solutions to the problem was provided to the Park Department.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to return to regular order at 6:35 pm, seconded by Alderperson Jennings. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Public comment was opened again at 7:15 pm.

Marty Kosobucki gave an update on the tennis court lighting at De Pere High School, stating it went out for bids and all the bids came in very high. A decision has to be made if they are going to continue fundraising or return the money.

Marty Kosobucki gave an update on the pickleball courts stating the courts have been paved, but we have to wait 30 days before the color coating can be applied. The courts probably won't be ready until spring.

VII. Adjournment

Randy Soquet made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm, seconded by Sue Schinkten. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Lahtela