



May 5, 2010

(unapproved)

The Board reviewed the Suggested Major Projects portion of the Park and Open Space Plan, suggested changes included: changing the priority rating for the asphalt path and band shell feasibility study at Cedar Creek Park to “high” from “medium”; delete under comments for the Skateboard Park “Park Board would like to consider relocating”; and under comments for Willowbrooke Park change the wording “sidewalk to connect restroom (instead of shelter) to street and around pond”.

Board Members questioned the usefulness of City Entrance Park, located on South Washington Avenue and suggested that staff investigate the possibility of selling the property, with the money going towards park development projects.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Consider Request from Council Member Filter and the American Legion/Peter Wollner Post 288 to Move a Monument from Cedar Creek Park to the Legion Park; and Action Thereon**

Council Member Filter advised that a monument was erected in Cedar Creek Park in 1933 by the “War Mothers” dedicated to those that served in the Civil War, Spanish American War and World War I. The American Legion/Peter Wollner Post 288 has volunteered to remove the plaque from the stone and move it to Legion Park installing it on a new marble monument. The estimated cost for removal and installation would be \$1,800 which the Legion would pay. There would then be a rededication ceremony held at Legion Park.

Several Board Members voiced a concern about just moving the plaque. They felt that the entire stone with the plaque should be moved, as they considered the stone part of the monument.

Board Members decided not to take any further action on the request until the June meeting, at which time the Board will meet at Cedar Creek Park to inspect the monument and the new proposed location at Legion Park.

#### **Review Recreation Activity Fees; and Action Thereon**

Director Hilvo reported that there has been a significant drop in registrations for programs this summer. For example, Cedar Creek Park Supervised Playground which usually fills up with the 60 children within a couple weeks of registrations opening has 16 children registered for the morning program, 7 for the afternoon program and 13 for the all day program. Willowbrooke has 7 for the afternoon program and Cedar Pointe has 7 for the morning program. The fees this year for the half-day program are \$100 for a resident and \$200 for a non-resident; the fees for the full-day program are \$180 for a resident and \$360 for a non-resident. Director Hilvo is proposing that the Department charge \$10 to \$20 additional for a non-resident instead of doubling the resident fee, starting in the fall.

Motion made by Council Member Radtke, seconded by Lynne Buehler, to recommend to the Common Council a \$15 non-resident fee be charged instead of doubling the resident fee starting in the fall of 2010 with residents being given priority in registering. Motion carried without a negative vote, with Georgian Herkowski and Scott King not in attendance.

## **REPORTS**

### **Director of Parks and Recreation**

Director Hilvo reported on the following:

- The Department partnered with Real Health and Fitness and is offering a transformation boot camp to be held at Zeunert Park at 5:30 a.m.
- A USTA (United States Tennis Association) Quick Start Tennis program for ages 8 and under is being offered for the first time this summer, we have 20 registered for the Monday/Wednesday class and 13 for the Tuesday/Thursday class, we limit the class to 20. USTA awarded the City a grant of \$750 for the purchase of nets and racquets for this program and to help support the program.
- In-person group swim lesson registration was held on May 1 with over 200 registering that day.
- The summer brochure was printed with donations received from various businesses through the direction of Landmark Printing.
- A Triathlon training class will be held May 11 – 13 focusing on running, biking and swimming aspects of a triathlon.
- As of now there are 45 registered for the Triathlon to be held on July 24. We will accept a maximum of 50 participants.
- New programs for the summer include a Track and Field program which is a joint venture with Grafton and Port Washington Recreation Departments and in cooperation with the JCC Day Camp in Fredonia we are offering several one-week sessions.
- The Castner family donated a bench and two trees at Legion Park through the Legacy Tree and Bench program in memory of their son. The American Legion then ordered two additional benches to be placed at Legion Park.
- Five trees were planted at Immanuel Cemetery in memory of Judy Cherveney as part of the Legacy Tree program.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2010.

### **Recreation Supervisor** - None

### **Superintendent of Parks and Forestry**

Director Hilvo reported on the following park and forestry projects:

- Bare root tree planting was completed by staff.
- The Arbor Day celebration was held at Parkview School, 4th graders helped to plant two trees.
- Ball field prep work is almost completed, at Behling Field the pitcher's mound was removed for a spring league and is being replaced for the summer leagues. Turface was applied at Behling Field; Ozaukee County Country Club lent us their top dressing machine which made the work go faster.
- Six perennial flower beds on Lincoln Blvd were planted and renovated.
- The restrooms have been opened for the summer.
- Grass cutting has started, which is three to four weeks earlier than usual due to the warmer weather.

- A major turf renovation project was completed at City Hall and work was started on the turf at the Community Pool.
- Staff has started working at the pool, opening day is June 5.
- One seasonal employee will be starting on May 10; others will start towards the end of May.
- The flower baskets along Washington Avenue will be planted by TP & D this year, they will water them during the week and City staff will water on week-ends.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Lynne Buehler, seconded by Susan Mongoven, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote, with Georgian Herkowski and Scott King not in attendance.

Chris Robel  
Recording Secretary