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Meeting Minutes BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

6:30 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Dr.

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Wallner. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Joseph Clausius; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; Emanuel Scarbrough; and David Wallner.

Member Excused: Ald. Mark Clear

Parks Staff present: Kevin Briski; Eric Knepp, Sarah Lerner and Joanne Austin.

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Clausius to Approve the Minutes with the addition of the appropriate motion to be included for item VII.H. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

III PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for public comment.

IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals made by members of the Commission.

V REPORTS

A President of the Parks Commission

President Wallner discussed his attendance at the James Madison planning meeting. Wallner also reported on a productive Long Range Planning Subcommittee meeting in the past month that included a discussion of fees for events. Vice President Madelyn Leopold added that the Long Range Planning meeting had also included an important discussion on the Parks Volunteer Policy.

B Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Briski presented the November report of Supervisor Activities to the Commission. Briski also discussed the recent Parks Reservation Day and its success in providing a positive experience to those looking to make a reservation for 2014. Briski also provided an update on the Garver process and indicated that Planning and Parks continue to work towards a draft RFP to be presented to the Park Commission. He indicated that there will likely be a need to have a Park Commission member or two to serve on a Surplus Committee to review the RFPs. Briski indicated that the Operating and Capital Budgets for 2014 were adopted on November 5th and that the Parks budgets were mostly unchanged from the Executive Budget. Briski also provided an update on the Community Services Manager hiring process, splash pad fundraising, and an overview of the Golf operations for 2013.

1 Written Report of Supervisor's November 2013 Activities

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to Accept the November Report of Supervisor's Activities. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

C Subcommittee Reports

1 Report of Subcommittee Minutes of the May 23, 2013 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee; the June 3, 2013 Long Range Planning Subcommittee; and the Olbrich Botanical Society meetings of March 19, April 16, June 18, July 16 and August 20, 2013.

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Scarbrough, to Accept the Minutes from the Long Range Planning Subcommittee, the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee and the Olbrich Botanical Society. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A Elver Park Master Plan Revision to Incorporate Splash Pad Funded in 2014 Capital Budget

Sarah Lerner, Landscape Architect, presented the project plan for the Elver Park Splash Pad to the Commission. Lerner discussed the public process used and how the design was created with public input. Lerner also discussed the renderings of the addition to the shelter and presented the site plan for the Splash Pad site. She discussed how the splash pad will be integrated into the park and how the exact site was selected. The Commission asked questions about the staffing plan and the fencing to be used. Lerner indicated that the plan was to staff the facility and there will be no admission fees. She also indicated that the plan is to incorporate a donor picket fence and an ornamental metal fence around the splash pad area.

A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Ragland, to Approve the Revision to the Elver Park Master Plan to incorporate a Splash Pad. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- B** Authorizing the execution of an Underground Electric Line Easement to Madison Gas and Electric Company across a portion of the Central Park, located at 202 South Ingersoll Street.

Superintendent Briski presented the resolution for consideration and indicated it was a needed utility easement for Central Park construction. Briski also provided a brief update on the construction status of Central Park and that significant progress is being made and the park should be available by mid-summer 2014.

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- C** Repealing and recreating Section 28.32(2) of the Madison General Ordinances to clarify the subsection outlining the City dog parks and applicable rules and adding two new off-leash dog park locations.

Superintendent Briski presented the Ordinance revision to the Commission and explained that this was the final step in establishing the two new dog parks at Walnut Grove and Odana School parks. Briski also explained that this revision recreated the section of the Madison General Ordinances to make it more comprehensible. The Commission discussed the general issue of dogs in parks and the need to continue to monitor and potentially revisit the existing policy.

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- D** Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a lease for farming purposes with Larry Skaar for 16.8 acres of land located at 3310 County Highway AB in the Town of Blooming Grove.

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

VII ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Ragland, to Adjourn at 7:24 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.