DATE: July 8, 2010  LOCATION: Park & Rec Office

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson L. MacRae at 6:30 PM

1. Members present (P), absent (A) or excused (E): MacRae_P Klotz_P Babcock_P Kinas_E Lemkuil_P Farnham_E Voigt_P Deal_A Johnson_P
   Late: N/A

2. Motion by B. Babcock to accept minutes as presented. Second by B. Johnson
   Motion carried 6-0

3. Citizen Comments not on the agenda
   • Nothing Presented

4. Old Business:
   A. Elected Official’s Report
      • Common Council had a second reading on the ordinance regulated dogs and cats. Discussion was held regarding no dogs at festivals. Topic will be revisited at the next meeting
   B. Planning Commission Rep report
      • Nothing reported
   C. Director’s Report
      • Reviewed and Submitted
      • Staff gave update on WPRA 2010 Summer Park Tour planning. Board offered help with this process
      • Staff is continuing work to develop park in Misty Ridge/Fiduciary subdivisions.
        • Common Council conditionally approved the connecting spur to the Interurban Trail
        • Spur will connect through WE Energies right of way (ROW). WE Energies had concerns that there may be underground utilities in ROW. Staff clearly marked area and will have Diggers Hotline check the area
      • Staff has completed landscape restoration around Veteran’s Memorial Park Comfort Station. This work had to be done because building contractor did not satisfactorily complete the landscaping
      • Staff gave update on Upper Lake Park Comfort Station landscape restoration. Again, contractor did not complete this as originally required. Park maintenance will complete project
      • Staff also discussed the inadequate drainage in Upper Lake Park at immediate north end of Possibility Playground. Rainfall will cause ponding over entry sidewalk due to poor grading. Staff has talked with and is awaiting a solution from John Sigwart and City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven to remedy problem
      • Staff updated Board on current summer programs. Two science classes were cancelled due to a lack of enrollment. Staff feels that there may be competition from the School District’s summer school program which offers similar programs free of charge to children. All other programs are doing well
D. Revisit Discussion on Park Maintenance

- Staff requested funds to be available to complete projects before current maintenance personnel retire
- Staff gave update on current equipment
  - Mower repairs, in some cases, are exceeding the original purchase price
  - John Deere tractor replacement is biggest need as this unit is having mechanical issues which are compromising its usability and safety. Staff has solicited quotes from dealers for replacement of current unit
- When Coal Dock area is turned over to the City, Park & Rec maintenance staff will have added an additional 10+ acres of grass to cut. Staff will need an additional gang mower to keep up with grass cutting of all parks
- As directed by board, Staff will research trade-in program for equipment as done by other communities. This program allows for less repair cost through the cycling of the equipment

E. Revisit Discussion on Donations of Amenities for Veteran’s Memorial Park

- Staff reported on follow-up with Larry and Aggie Watry regarding donation of park sign for Veteran’s Memorial Park. Watry’s will cover $1500 cost for sign. Park & Rec Department will cover shipping, installation and remaining required materials
- Board asked Staff to follow up with the Watry’s regarding their concept of a path through the Park honoring veterans

5. New Business:

A. Review and Recommend Ordinance Regarding the Regulation of Dogs and Cats

- Norm Greisenheimer (1010 Noridge Trail) stated that he felt that the beach area where he lives need increased police patrols
- Cpt. Mike Keller of the Port Washington Police Department was attending the meeting on behalf of Chief Richard Thomas and stated the following:
  - Chief Thomas would like the current ordinances regarding the regulation of cats and dogs remain unchanged
  - Ozaukee County requires pets to be on leash in parks and on the Interurban Trail. Additionally, State Parks require dogs to be on leash
  - The police are taking a “proactive” approach to enforcing the current ordinance. The amount of dog waste on the east path around the Wastewater Treatment Plant is what prompted the increased police enforcement
  - The police gave out warnings regarding the leash ordinance in May and started writing tickets in June. They have a zero-tolerance on ordinance infractions
- Joan Keller (Noridge Trail) stated that she does not want dogs on private property
- Brooke Beringer (746 N. Montgomery) stated that there are already ordinances for dog waste and vicious dogs and this is where police enforcement should be focused
- Lori Jens (979 Niagara Lane) stated that she does not see people on the north beach between 6 and 8 am. She says the beach is almost “empty” and therefore wanted dogs to be allowed off-leash on the north beach during certain hours
- Anne Davis (920 Crestview Drive) again stated, along with the other dog owners in attendance, that they would like a designated area and time for dogs to be off-leash on the north beach
- Motion made by R. Voigt to amend ordinances 11.02.120 [Regulation of Dogs and Cats] and 14.02.020 (10) [Unlawful Conduct] to allow for dogs to be off-leash on the north beach from 6:00 am until 8:00 am on an area starting from the south entrance to 1000 feet north. Seconded by P. Lemkuil. Motion passed 5-1
B. Review and Recommend Hiring of Staff
   • Motion made by B. Babcock to approve the staff as presented. Seconded by M.A. Klotz. Motion passed 5-0

6. Any Other Business That May Properly Come Before the Board
   • Nothing submitted

7. Motion to adjourn by B. Johnson. Seconded by B. Babcock. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Klotz
Secretary