

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, May 7, 2012 at 5:00 pm
City Hall-East Hearing Room

Members: Jason Sladky – Chair, Jim Brey, Dave Soeldner, & Al Schema

Staff: Val Mellon, Jim Muenzenmeyer, Denise Larson, & Atty. Juliana Ruenzel

Guest(s):

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm by Chairman Sladky.

D. Soeldner made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2012 meeting as presented. J. Brey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on request from Zoo Society to create a Christmas Lighting Display along Lincoln Park Roadway as a Zoo fundraiser

Doug Koch has an estimate from MPU, and they are still looking into other funding sources. The Parks budget does not have any extra funds at this time to dedicate to the project.

Discussion and possible recommendation on negotiating a lease for the Citizen Park Building

An appraisal has been done on the building by the Assessor, Sarah Hoppe. J. Brey doesn't want to sell the building at this time. D. Soeldner agrees with J. Brey. J. Sladky commented that we want to make sure that the building is used for recreational purposes, because that is what the Recreation Department does for the community. The sale of the building is a moot point at this time. The committee would like J. Muenzenmeyer to "tweak" the RFP and make it more specific as to the hours and use of the building. J. Muenzenmeyer will refer to his notes and add any other concerns the committee had. He will have a draft to the committee before the next meeting on May 21st. In the meantime, Attorney Ruenzel will be contacting the current owners to see if they would be interested in a month to month agreement until this situation is resolved.

Discussion and possible action regarding the introduced ordinance (Common Council document #150) regarding the use of funds by developers in lieu of parkland dedication

There was a discussion to make sure that the funds are accessible but will be used wisely for existing and future capital projects in the parks.

Discussion and possible action regarding the City Picnic on July 4th

J. Muenzenmeyer updated the committee on the City Picnic. There will be only one employee at the event instead of more than 22. The vendors will be the same and the picnic will be similar to last year's. Kenny's Klub will be handling the beverage sales. The only real change will be that the customers will be paying for their food and beverages at the food and beverage booths. Tickets will not be used.

Adjournment

D. Soeldner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. It was seconded by J. Brey. Motion carried unanimously.

DL/smsr

