



REGULAR MEETING – April 20, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

X Judy Zaretzke	X Kate Hancock - Cooke	Gary Lawell
X Peter Kelly	X Jim Vedder	X Ted Galloway
X Lee Hillstrom	Amanda Louden	X Christopher Kunz

STAFF PRESENT

X Michael T. Kading, Director of Parks & Recreation
Laurie Olson, Superintendent of Recreation
X Trevor Fink, Superintendent of Parks
X Jim Kluge, Recreation Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Boelter, Brandon/Lisa Robak and Alderman Pollnow

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY President Zaretzke at 4:30 P.M.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

APPEARANCES

None.

MINUTES

MSC Hillstrom / Kunz to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2017. All voting aye.

BILL VOUCHERS

Commissioner Zaretzke reviewed the vouchers for March 2017 and found them to be in order.

MISSION ACTION REPORT

The report was distributed earlier. The following items were discussed:

- Recreation Supervisor Kluge reviewed the upcoming Arbor Day (4/28) and Renew the Slough (5/13) special events.
- Commissioner Zaretzke inquired about the status of the Memorial Bench Program. Staff reviewed the fact that the overall program has been put on hold until it can be reviewed and adjusted to better meet the needs of the community moving forward in the future. Staff requested a continual hold on the program until clear procedures could be set this fall.
- Washington Park time frame was reviewed. Due May 16; Commission 5/18; Public Works 5/30 and Council 6/7.

BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1) **Proposed Naming of Southview Tennis Courts:** MSC Kelly / Hillstrom to name the Southview Park tennis courts in honor of Tom Berven. Motion Carried.

Staff indicated that Tom has dedicated 50 years of service to the City of Neenah Park and Recreation Department and has taught over 300,000 students the game of tennis.

A recognition of Tom's dedication and commitment will take place at the end of the summer tennis recognition in July.

- 2) **Discussion of Possible Property Acquisition:** Director Kading presented the request from the property owner at 409 W. North Water Street to purchase his property that is adjacent to Cook Park. The property is identified in the Park and Open Space Plan.

Commissioner Kunz indicated that if we do not intend to purchase the property than we should remove it from the Park and Open Space Plan. Commission Vedder commented that there is a lot happening right now, and the time does not seem right to make the purchase. Commissioner Cooke was concerned about long term maintenance of more property; Commissioner Galloway agreed. Alderman Pollnow indicated that the Park and Open Space Plan indicated that the city was 124 acres over the current need and, therefore, should not purchase the additional property. He added that the city should even consider selling park property. Action failed for a lack of a motion.

- 3) **Announcements and Future Agenda Items:**
Washington Park
Arrowhead Park presentation SEH / Stantec

LIAISON REPORTS

PLANS COMMISSION: Hancock-Cooke reported: None.

HARBOR COMMITTEE: Galloway requested that a Harbor Meeting be held soon.

SCHOOL BOARD: Kunz reported that Roosevelt School will be having *History in the Halls* on April 25.

MSC Hillstrom / Galloway to adjourn at 5:10pm.

Recorded for the Commission by Michael T. Kading, CPRP