

1TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE
PARK COMMISSION
April 4, 2011

Minutes

Present: Petersen, Christensen, Boeckers, Feest, Sherman, Ward
Also Present: Marquardt (DPW), Thyssen (TB Liaison)
Absent: Van Buecken

Chairman Sherman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. By consensus, the agenda was revised to address items to be discussed by Mr. Marquardt first due to his need to leave early.

Christensen moved approval of the March 7 minutes as written. Petersen seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS:

Park Maintenance: Marquardt reported that Mike is off having had surgery for his injury. Due to snow and weather, no maintenance and repair work has been done in the last month.

Greenways: Feest reported that due to shortage of money, there were no grants to report. There will be an all day planning conference for trail planning on May 19.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The vacant summer recreation program position has been offered an experienced person who interviewed for it. She has not yet responded with her decision regarding the offer.
2. The discussions with Graef regarding the internal trail design proposal were summarized by Mr. Marquardt. After discussion by the commission, Christensen moved to table the matter until additional alternatives could be discussed which will occur at the May meeting.
3. Tourism Trail Grant Discussion: Kevin Vonck was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted questions for discussion by the commission members. Those present discussed their ideas about types of grants, primarily trails in tourist-interest areas such as hotels, as possible grant application considerations. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT:

Thyssen reported that the funds for the CE trail work in Greenville had been withdrawn. He discussed the possibility of having a printer friendly trail map for Grand Chute on the town website. Mr. Thyssen discussed the feasibility of further identifying the crossing/easement for the Canadian National Railroad which is on town owned property. He will report to the commission after checking on this issue with the town administrator, Mr. March. The group will also hear from him regarding the plans for Westfest grounds use and the role of the commission in that at the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Sherman reported that he has applied for the vacant Town Board Supervisor position and if

chosen would need to resign from the commission. Thyssen has requested to continue as TB Liaison. It was also announced that Nancy Christensen will not continue in a new term with the commission. More on these issues will be reported at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Kevin Vonck sent an e-mail with questions for discussion regarding tourism grants for trails.

NEXT MEETING/AGENDA: The next meeting of the Park Commission will be Monday, May 2, at 5:00 p.m. On the agenda will be further discussion of bids for internal trail design, discussion of ideas regarding possible tourism trail grants, Westfest grounds planning and use, and the crossing/easement of the Canadian National Railroad.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:10 p.m., Boeckers moved adjournment, Petersen seconded.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Ward,
Secretary