

1 TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE
PARK COMMISSION

Minutes
July 11, 2011

Prior to the meeting commission members toured Art Lecker Wilderness Park.

Present: Petersen, Feest, Boeckers, Van Buecken, Hagen, Haag, Ward

Absent: None

Also Present: Thyssen, Marquardt, Geenen Family (Anne, Kate, Brian, Bob)

Chairperson VanBuecken called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Peterson/Haag moved approval of the June 6, 2011 minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

Park Maintenance: (Marquardt) No vandalism is reported. Mark Arft continues on a part time basis. More park maintenance and upgrades are scheduled for July and August.

Greenways: (Feest) Paper Trail signage is finished. No major projects are in progress.

Parks/Public Works: (Marquardt) The summer program is well attended. Profit from the brat fry was \$375. The internal trail work at Patriot and Prairie Hill Parks has been laid out. It will be completed in August. Budget work is underway; waiting on information on some revenue.

OLD BUSINESS

Lecker Park: The group found the park attractive on its visit. Passive recreational activities in the non-landfill areas were discussed. Peterson/Haag moved to request Mr. Marquardt to research legal aspects of use of the area and appropriate land uses for its topography.

MOTION CARRIED.

Westfest Site: There has been no action regarding the site by the Town Board as of this time. Supervisor Thyssen will seek information from the Town Board regarding the site and report at the September Park Commission meeting. Haag/Peterson moved to consider re-submitting the May 2 motion regarding this issue (May minutes) and to consider including it in the new Five Year Plan at the September meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Room Tax: This issue has not yet been addressed by the Town Board. Supervisor Thyssen will obtain information on its status with the Town Board with regard to an increase providing funds for trail development. He will report at the August park meeting and the issue will be discussed by the Park Commission at that time.

Baseball Dugout Upgrade: Mr. Marquardt met with representatives of Grand Chute Baseball to begin plans for the project. At the August meeting, the plan and bids will be presented to the commission for discussion and voting.

Five Year Plan: Copies of the current plan were distributed. Mr. Marquardt will send a review of the current plan to commissioners. At the August meeting this document (Review of Park, Trail, Open Space and Recreation Plan) will be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Tennis Practice Green Wall: Anne Geenen and the commissioners discussed her letter requesting a green tennis practice wall to be constructed at Arrowhead Park. Petersen/Hagen moved to ask Mr. Marquardt to obtain estimates of the cost of adding this a practice wall at Arrowhead Park.

MOTION CARRIED. The estimates will be discussed at the August commission meeting.

Volunteer Workers for Parks: Mr. Marquardt was asked to place an article in the upcoming town newsletter seeking volunteer workers for projects in town parks.

Consideration of Friends Group for Parks: By consensus of the commission, Kevin Vonck will be requested by Mr. Marquardt to study the feasibility of organizing a “friends” group for park work projects and submit it to the commission for discussion at the August meeting.

TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT: (Thyssen) The Town Board has approved the internal trail construction planned for August in Prairie Hill and Patriot Park.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter requesting tennis practice wall at Arrowhead Park

NEXT MEETING/AGENDA: The next meeting will be August 8 at the Town Hall. Agenda to include the following:

1. Future of Lecker Park
2. Room Tax Update
3. Baseball Dugout Plans and Bids
4. Five Year Plan Review
5. Tennis Practice Wall at Arrowhead Park
6. Volunteer workers in parks
7. Report on feasibility of forming Friends group

Commission members are reminded to check the town website for calendar and activities.

At 6:55 p.m. adjournment was moved by Haag/Boeckers. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Ward, Secretary