

TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE  
PARK COMMISSION

Minutes  
August 8, 2011  
Town Hall Board Room

Present: Boeckers, Haag, Petersen, Hagen, Ward, Feest, VanBuecken  
Absent: Thyssen (TB Liaison)  
Also Present: Thomas Marquardt, DPW, Sue Sykes, Citizen

Chairperson VanBuecken called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Haag/Feest moved approval of the July 11 minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

*Park Maintenance: (Marquardt)* Regular summer park maintenance continues. One incident of vandalism was reported and resolved by the police.

*Greenways:* No report.

*Parks/Department of Public Works:* The internal trail portions in Patriot and Prairie Hill Parks are scheduled for completion, with Outagamie County doing the work, in late August.

OLD BUSINESS

*Lecker Park:* Following discussion of possible uses and restrictions, Mr. Marquardt was asked to invite a DNR representative to attend the September meeting of the commission to review procedures and possible projected uses for the park area.

*Room Tax:* Chairperson VanBuecken has contacted Town Administrator, Jim March, about this subject and will invite him to speak with the commission about it at the September meeting.

*Baseball Dugout:* After discussion of a revised estimate with the town doing pre-construction labor on the work area, Peterson/Haag moved to recommend a bid estimate from Fisher-Ulman, capped at \$1748 (including contributions from the baseball group,) to the Town Board. The funds are available in the Capitol Improvements budget. MOTION CARRIED.

*Five Year Plan:* Tabled until September meeting.

*Tennis Practice Board:* The group discussed placement of practice boards for the parks and the possibility of utilizing volunteer funding and labor for this project. Boeckers/Hagen moved to include funds of \$500-\$600 for this project in the 2012 budget, placing a green practice board at Arrowhead Park. MOTION CARRIED. Hagen will seek possible volunteer labor and funds and report at the next meeting.

*Volunteer Park Workers:* One response was received from the town newsletter article. One response was received by Chairman VanBuecken from an individual wishing to work on the butterfly garden at Prairie Hill Park. The commission will continue to seek interested citizens for park work.

*Feasibility of Parks Friends Group:* Mr. Vonck was not present. Discussion was deferred to the September commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS One new business item discussed as correspondence (below).

TOWN BOARD LIAISON: (Thyssen) Due to a schedule conflict, Mr. Thyssen was not present.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Marquardt reported that a role playing group (Amtgard, Inc.) is requesting use of Carter Woods park trails on Sunday afternoons for its activities. This request will be placed on the September agenda and discussed at that time.

#### NEXT MEETING/AGENDA

The next meeting of the Park Commission will be Monday, September 12 at the Town Hall.

The following items will be on the agenda.

1. Lecker Park (DNR representative)
2. Room Tax (Jim March)
3. Baseball Dugout Project
4. Tennis Backboard Project
5. Five Year Plan and discussion of progress report for accomplishments
6. Feasibility of Friends Group organization (Vonck)
7. 2012 Budget Discussion (Marquardt)
8. Request from Amtgard, Inc., for Sunday use of Carter Woods Park trails

Haag/Boeckers moved adjournment at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Ward, Secretary