

TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE  
PARK COMMISSION

Minutes  
November 7, 2011

Present: Feest, Boeckers, Petersen, Haag, Ward, VanBuecken

Absent: None

Also Present: Thyssen (TB Liaison), Marquardt (DPW), Brian Olesen (Citizen), Lori Reblin and Tracy Schwartz (Citizens representing Liberty Commons residential area near Patriot Park)

Chairman Van Buecken called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Haag/Feest moved approval of the November 7, 2011 minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

By consensus, citizens of the Patriot Park area were invited to speak prior to the start of business about their concerns for safety and appropriateness of playground equipment at the park.

#### REPORTS

*Park Maintenance:* The parks closed in October. Regular maintenance is being done along with the installation of benches and concrete for the dugout improvement project at Patriot Park.

*Greenways:* Feest/Hagen stated that completion of the Grand Chute trail portions, work for a railway crossing closure and a 5 foot trail on JJ from Ballard to Holland Road were reported.

*Parks/DPW:* Marquardt reported that the baseball dugout renovations and trail connectors are being completed, and that the town had been approved for a grant funding development of Capitol Drive from Mayflower to McCarthy Road which includes 5 foot bike lanes alongside. Hagen/Haag moved to recommend to the Town Board that the TRI Grant be approved for this project. MOTION CARRIED

#### OLD BUSINESS

*Lecker Park:* A printed handout of information regarding possibilities regarding bike trails at the park was given out by Brian Olesen, citizen observer for the park sub-group. This will be discussed by the commission at the January meeting.

*Room Tax:* A printed information handout on legislation and use of room tax was given out by Martha Ward. This will be discussed at the January meeting of the commission.

*2012 Budget:* Marquardt reported that the \$25,000 budget item for planning/infrastructure for the JJ Corridor was removed from the budget but will be earmarked for re-consideration for planning pending the plan coming from East Central Planning and subsequent re-consideration of the city and county regarding joint support of the project. He also stated that Capitol Funds could be transferred for application to upgrading playground equipment if the commission votes to do so.

*Park Promotion and Marketing:* Those present reviewed 20 websites for various park programs. (Chairman VanBuecken will distribute notes giving more specific information on the discussion.) At the January meeting, website updating and design will be considered with staff.

*Wish List for Parks:* Commission members were encouraged to bring additional "wish list" items to the next meeting for discussion and future inclusion in the update of the Five Year Plan.

## NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought before the commission.

## TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Thyssen encouraged the commission to continue making recommendations to the Town Board regarding policy issues and projects.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. VanBuecken discussed the possible future consideration of applying to be a "Bird City." Concerns regarding the Patriot Park playground equipment and considerations for work on the updating of the Five Year Plan were also discussed by the chairman. Mr. Marquardt was asked to check on the status of planning funds for the JJ project for the county and city.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received from Patriot Park area residents regarding playground equipment and a volunteer for park work assistance were noted as well as the handouts from Olesen and Ward.

## NEXT MEETING/AGENDA

No commission meeting will be held in December. The next meeting will be held Monday, January 9 at the Town Hall. The agenda will include discussion of Lecker Park and Room Tax handouts, Five Year Plan, Website Update and Development, Park Promotion and Marketing, Patriot Park Playground Equipment. Agenda items are due to Ward by Friday, December 30.

## ADJOURNMENT

Boeckers/Feest moved adjournment at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Ward, Secretary  
Grand Chute Park Commission