

WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION - Minutes

JULY 19, 2011 -- COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

- 1) **Roll Call And Call To Order.** Seidl called the meeting to order at approximately 6:45. Commissioners present: Quimby, Schultz, Strobel, Seidl and Springer. Absent: Cotting, McBride and Yerges. Others attending – Chris Abel and Mandy Clover.
- 2) **Approval Of The April 19, May 17 and June 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes Discussion:** Springer corrected comments made about Lum Avenue. **Motion:** Moved by Schultz, seconded by Seidl to approve the April 19, May 17 and June 21, 2011 meeting minutes and with the correction as identify by Springer. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried.
- 3) **Citizen Input. Discussion:** Regarding newly posted signs in Firemen’s Park, Chris Abell and Mandy Clover wanted assurances that the phrase “no alcohol” would not be interpreted to mean the licensed bar at the Park would not have alcohol; and the phrase “no parking outside of park hours” would not be interpreted to mean patrons too drunk to drive would be ticketed for leaving their cars in the park. Springer said the Safety Committee approved the sign with the Parks Commission recommendation. He said the wording was approved by the City Council. He said he originally wanted a sign to address Youker Park parking issues, but signs were made for all parks. Springer said the lots of concern were by Trek and the Youth Center. Abell said he didn’t want the parking after hours rule enforced. Clover said she had talked with Police Chief Thomas about relocating the sign. No action taken.
- 4) **Youth Center Director Report (recurring item). Discussion:** Seidl summarized an email sent by Silha saying the summer got off to a slow start. He mentioned electrical fixes and water problems. Springer said the items should be forwarded to Gary Yerges. Quimby said she was unaware as to where youth programs were being advertised or promoted. She said more communication needs to take place. Springer suggested the current events section of the Courier as a promotion opportunity.
- 5) **Garman/Knowlton Trailhead Facility Volunteer Coordinator Update (recurring item).** No action taken.
- 6) **Unfinished Business**
 - a) **Dog Park. Discussion:** Seidl said phone numbers were being added to the list of dog park advocates. He said a first dog park meeting was held at the Farmer’s Market with another meeting likely the end of August. No action taken.
 - b) **Garman/Knowlton Trailhead Facility – Wrap Up. Motion:** Moved by Quimby, seconded by Springer to table the item to the next meeting. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried.
 - c) **Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Motion:** Moved by Quimby, seconded by Springer to table the item to the next meeting. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried.
- 7) **New Business**
 - a) **Youker Park. Discussion:** Seidl said Gary Yerges and Brian Schleif mowed a path through park and said it was a wonderful addition. He reported that favorable plants were in the prairie. Springer said the property owner mowing the prairie planted area adjacent municipal property may be under a maintenance agreement to maintain it a certain way. Seidl said he would like to revisit that issue as much was spent on prairie plantings. Springer said items from Kristie Silha should be forwarded to Gary Yerges.
- 8) **Future Agenda Items, Announcements And Next Meeting Date.** ## Strobel noted the passing of Chris Thiel. ## The next meeting was set for August 16 at 6:30 PM at the library.

9) **Adjourn.** By consensus the body adjourned.

Attest:

Mo Hansen
Clerk/Treasurer