

PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, September 11, 2013
City Hall, Room 207
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aldermen Jerry Wiezbiskie, Brian Danzinger, Joseph Moore and James Warner

OTHERS PRESENT: Dawne Cramer, Dan Ditscheit, Tina Westergaard, Keith Wilhelm, James Andersen, Ald. David Boyce

A motion was made by Ald. Warner to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2013 meeting as recorded, seconded by Ald. Moore and carried.

1. Discussion/Action on Dale R. Livingston's wedding to be held on the Pine Street Landing of the CityDeck on September 28, 2013.

We have had wedding ceremonies on the deck, however not receptions. Being a first-time request for a reception we needed to address issues such as the time the event will be allowed, keeping public access to the deck, issues with alcohol, music and in this particular case, fireworks.

This wedding ceremony will be held on the City's Pine Street Landing. The reception is in the space located between Hagemeister Park and Pine Street Landing. They anticipate 150-200 guests. The wedding ceremony is between 6 and 7 p.m. They requested the reception to be between 7 and 11 p.m. Park ordinances dictate that all parks close at 10:30 p.m.

Mr. Livingston will provide the necessary insurance needed for the event, which includes a one million dollar liability policy limit.

Hagemeister Park will be catering the event and will cover the liquor license, food permits and liquor liability insurance. Guests will receive wristbands which will identify people who are in the wedding party and people over 21 who are legal drinkers. Food, soda, wine and beer will be provided by Hagemeister Park.

No sales of beer/liquor or soda will be allowed on the deck. Per city and state ordinance no hard liquor will be allowed on the deck. Glass containers are prohibited. Beer, wine and soda will be allowed on the deck in the designated restricted area between 6 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Mr. Livingston has hired two Brown County Sheriff Deputies to handle supervision. They will be uniformed and will prevent patrons from taking alcohol outside of the designated area as well as restricting underage drinkers. They will be on duty from 7 until 11 p.m.

The designated area will be the space immediately behind Hagemeister Park in conjunction with the area leading to the Pine Street Landing. This area will be roped off with red velvet ropes. An area will also be designated where guests can transport their beer and wine across the public access to the event. A 12-foot pathway will remain open at all times for public access and use of the deck.

They hired a DJ and have agreed to follow all rules and regulations in the noise ordinance. Ordinance states with a rental, music is allowed until 8 p.m. They are asking permission to have music until 10:30 p.m.

Mr. Livingston hired Spielbauer to provide a 10-12 minute fireworks show between 8:30 and 9 p.m. The fireworks will occur from a floating barge on the Fox River. Spielbauer will have the required permits and insurances. They have met with the Green Bay Fire Department and Captain Gabe has approved their request.

Ald. Wiezbiskie asked if staff sees any loopholes other than time limits with reference to other park activities. Staff responded Mr. Livingston's original request was to end the event at 11 p.m. We would recommend the event end at 10:30 p.m. which is consistent with other park closing times.

Ald. Wiezbiskie asked for clarification in regards to beverages. Staff replied no hard liquor will be allowed, but soda, wine and beer will be permitted. Hagemeister Park will supply all beverages.

Ald. Warner asked if boats will still have public access. Staff replied yes.

Ald. Moore made a motion to open the floor for discussion. The motion was seconded by Ald. Warner and carried.

Ald. Danzinger arrived at 5:48 p.m.

Mr. Dale Livingston, 4930 Church Road, New Franken, was present to answer questions and concerns.

Ald. Wiezbiskie asked, do you have anybody arriving by boat? Mr. Livingston replied probably not.

Ald. Warner asked if there were concerns with public docking during your event, especially during the fireworks. Mr. Livingston replied he has no concerns.

Ald. Wiezbiskie asked if wristbands would be used by Hagemeister Park at a designated bar. Mr. Livingston stated that is correct. Only our guests would be wearing wristbands. He said he would appreciate the committee's consideration for the approval of this event.

Ald. Warner stated this event will set the stage for future events. This event is very well planned.

Ald. Moore made a motion to return to the regular order of business. The motion was seconded by Ald. Warner and carried.

Ald. Moore made a motion to approve Dale R. Livingston's request to host his wedding and reception on the Pine Street Landing and space immediately behind Hagemeister Park in conjunction with the area to the Pine Street Landing contingent upon:

- All proper permit and insurances being obtained.
- No hard liquor allowed on the deck.
- Glass containers are prohibited.
- Beer, wine and soda are allowed in the restricted designated area between 6 and 10:30 p.m.
- They must adhere to all noise ordinances and regulations. Music will be allowed between 6 and 10:30 p.m.
- Fifteen minutes of fireworks will be allowed between 8:30 and 9 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Warner and carried.

2. Discussion/Action on permission to apply for an EPA Great Lakes Shoreline Cities Green Infrastructure grant to be used at Bay Beach Amusement Park.

Staff discussed the details of the grant. We are applying for a \$500,000 grant. It is a 50/50 match. Matching dollars would come from the Bay Beach Development Fund. In phase 1A of the the Bay Beach Master Plan we included \$400,000 to construct a portion of the west end parking lot. These 200 stalls, or approximately ¼ of the entire lot, will be needed to accommodate overflow parking and parking for a new west end shelter.

If this grant is awarded it would allow us to install half of the west end lot with approximately 400 parking stalls. This grant would also fund the installation of the central circulation spine connecting the west end parking lot to the Sea Dragon.

Only states that border the Great Lakes can apply for this grant. There is \$8.5 million available. The purpose of this grant is to fund green infrastructure that will improve the Great Lakes water quality. Permeable pavement, bioswales, rain gardens, greenways, wetlands and cisterns are eligible for funding.

The parking lot would be constructed in the summer of 2014 and open in May of 2015. Our goal is still to try to construct the west end shelter in conjunction with the parking lot; however, the shelter construction will now be contingent upon available fundraising dollars. The parking lot aisles will be standard asphalt. The green infrastructure will include permeable asphalt parking stalls along with planted bioswales. There is not adequate space for a stormwater pond so this is a good alternative to address our stormwater requirement.

Ald. Moore asked if there were any permeable asphalt parking lots in the Green Bay area. Staff said they were not aware of any. Permeable asphalt has voids throughout the surface that allow water to filter through. These voids can get clogged when you plow and salt in the winter rendering it ineffective. In this

situation the parking lot will likely never be plowed or salted so this is a great opportunity to try something new.

Ald. Moore asked if there was a potential for this shelter to be used at all in the winter. Staff stated it will be an open shelter and we don't anticipate any winter use. If necessary we could pave a few stalls using standard asphalt.

Ald. Danzinger made a motion to authorize staff to apply for an EPA Great Lakes Shoreline Cities Green Infrastructure grant to be used at Bay Beach Amusement Park. The motion was seconded by Ald. Moore and carried.

3. Discussion/Action on pools and wading pool repairs.

We did a total analysis of pools after the closing of the season. Tonight we want to talk about all of the pools: Colburn, Joannes, Resch and the wading pools. We wanted to have some discussion with this committee to gather your input on how you would like us to proceed with repairs and improvements. Colburn's direction was set at the July 30th Park Committee meeting as you instructed us to add the operating costs to the 2014 budget. Ald Brunette and the Friends of Colburn are working to establish the future of this pool. The goal is to operate the pool for one more year. In the event that any large expensive repairs would be needed, we would bring that item back to this committee for discussion on whether to proceed or close the pool. If the filters or pumps go down, we are closed.

Staff reviewed the remaining 2013 budgeted pool repairs which included the Joannes pool heater, replacement of the main water return line at Astor and Mather Heights wading pools and the steel structure repair of the slide at Joannes.

Staff then reviewed the 2014 proposed budget repairs. Repairs at Joannes include plaster surface repairs, caulking, pump valve repair, funbrellas replacement. Repairs at Resch include caulking, tile replacement, enzyme system adjustment and deck furniture. All pools are in need of general building repairs due to vandalism: broken windows, locks, doors as well as plumbing and electrical issues. The total of these repairs equal \$49,500.

Ald Wiezbiskie asked if there is \$20,000 remaining in the 2013 budget for repair. Staff replied yes. Ald. Wiezbiskie asked if the \$49,500 is a targeted number and how does that compare to the 2013 budget? Staff stated it is the same.

Staff then reviewed repairs that need to be completed that are non-funded. Resch pool needs tile replacement and a pool heater. Both Resch and Joannes Pools need shower tower repairs, Joannes Pool needs wallet locker locking mechanisms and a new ADA accessible bubbler. We also need to purchase a pool vacuum that would be shared at all three pools.

Marquette wading pool needs \$2,000 for caulking and \$20,000 for a pump and filter. Tank wading pool needs \$60,000 in total repairs, \$35,000 to replace the basin, \$20,000 pump and filter, \$2,000 for caulking and \$3,000 in plumbing repairs.

Staff talked about how state codes would affect the replacement of the Tank wading pool. A state plan review would be required, at which point the state can decide which codes kick in, such as shower facilities. We can ask for variances, but with the required plan review it may open us up to all code requirements.

Staff proposed not to replace the Tank wading pool and instead attempt to secure dollars to replace it with a splash pad.

Ald. Warner stated he talked with constituents and they like the idea of something new in the area. Splash pads are much safer, there is no staffing required and they are popular. Marquette is not that far away, so as long as we continue to repair that wading pool, Tank can be converted to a splash pad. I am not opposed to this. The more I think about it, the more I like it. The people I talked to in our neighborhood are very supportive of a new amenity and do not want to fix an old one. I would support it. This neighborhood needs something new.

Ald. Wiezbiskie stated that the public likes the splash pads at Red Smith and CityDeck. If we have to repair the old wading pool the cost could be astronomical.

Ald. Warner stated he talked with kids in his neighborhood and asked for their opinion. They said they would like the splash pad.

Ald. Moore stated BayView and Eastman have splash pads and they serve multiple age groups, including 12-15 year olds. I think it is the end of the era of wading pools. If we could get Community Development Block Grant funding each year, it would be great to see many of these wading pools converted into splash pads. From a budget standpoint it is the way to go. It is a savings to the taxpayers and provides a strong community benefit.

Staff stated that splash pads provide a longer season and more hours of use than wading pools.

Staff discussed the Bay Beach wading pool needing \$20,000 to replace the pump and filter and \$2,000 for caulking. The total cost needed for all unfunded repairs is \$164,000. Staff is proposing to replace the Tank wading pool with a splash pad. We would request \$130,000 of CD funding to accomplish that. Therefore we would remove \$60,000 from the total, which is the cost to repair Tank wading pool. This puts us at a new total \$104,000.

We recommend to operate Bay Beach wading pool in 2014 or until it becomes inoperable, and to eliminate it in one to three years per the development of the Bay Beach Master Plan. The Bay Beach Master Plan includes water features located in the destination playground area. We would propose eliminating this pool, which will reduce the total maintenance costs by an additional \$22,000 which puts us at a new total of \$82,000.

Ald. Wiezbiskie stated he thinks the Bay Beach wading pool is an eye sore.

Discussion occurred on how to address the different areas of concern. The committee decided to address issues separately.

Ald. Moore made a motion to approve the remaining 2013 budgeted repairs and the 2014 proposed budget repairs as presented at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Ald. Warner and carried.

The next area of discussion was Tank wading pool. Ald. Weizbiskie asked what are the chances of not securing funding? Staff stated that we met with the Planning Department and they were very positive about this project receiving funding.

Ald. Warner asked if there was a construction timeline. Staff responded construction is dependent on when we receive the funding. Typically funding arrives in July and construction would occur after that. The splash pad would not open until 2015.

Ald. Danzinger stated he is concerned that this splash pad will not be ready next summer. Can we stay open one more season? Staff said we will try to continue to operate it.

Ald. Moore made a motion to approve to operate Tank wading pool for one more year and have staff work to secure funding to convert this pool into a splash pad. The motion was seconded by Ald. Warner and carried.

Ald. Moore then made another motion to approve to operate the Bay Beach wading pool in 2014 without funding any major repairs and to eliminate it in one to three years per the development of the Bay Beach Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Ald. Warner and carried.

Staff stated we do not have \$82,000 allocated to fund the necessary non-funded pool repairs. We are requesting to use up to \$82,000 to fund these non-funded repairs if there are any unexpended funds left in our 2013 budget.

Ald. Wiezbiskie asked what normally happens to these funds. Staff stated they go back in the general fund. Ald. Wiezbiskie stated he is in favor of using these funds to make the necessary repairs.

Ald. Danzinger stated he has no problem with this, we are using our savings to pay for the repairs, not requesting additional funding.

Ald. Moore made a motion to authorize staff to use up to \$82,000 of unexpended 2013 budget funds to complete the pool and wading pool repairs. The motion was seconded by Ald. Warner and carried.

4. Discussion/Action on the proposed 2014 Community Development Block Grant funding options.

Staff reviewed the Park Department Community Development Block Grant proposal for 2014. Tonight the Park Committee will only make a

recommendation to be brought to the Redevelopment Authority for final approval.

Staff reviewed priorities.

- Priority 1: Replace the wading pool at Tank Park with a splash pad for \$130,000. This cost includes the demolition of the wading pool.
- Priority 2: Replace and downsize the parking lot at Seymour Park for \$20,000. This is one of the worst parking lots in the Park system. There is standing water on a regular basis throughout most of the parking lot.
- Priority 3: Bleacher replacement up to \$20,000.

The Parks Department will likely be allocated \$150,000 in 2014. Staff would recommend approving priorities 1 and 2.

Ald. Danzinger stated the splash pad at Tank Park is his priority.

Ald. Danzinger made a motion to approve the staff priority list for the 2014 Community Development Block Grant park proposals and forward this request to the Redevelopment Authority. The motion was seconded by Ald. Warner and carried.

5. Directors Report

Bay Beach

We officially christened the Sea Dragon on August 30th and it set sail on its first maiden voyage. The first weekend we had 7,358 riders. This was our first kickoff project with the Friends Of Bay Beach. The Bay Beach water tower logo on the Quincy Street tank is completed.

East River Trail

We have accepted offers on the purchase of 1344 Main Street (Reds Antiques) and 1322 Main Street. The DNR grant contracts have been signed and both closings are scheduled for mid September.

West Side Trail

Construction is now completed.

Wildlife Sanctuary

Construction began on the bridge replacement last week. Twenty two students from St. Norbert's College volunteered at the Wildlife Sanctuary for their annual "Into the Streets" program. They did some trail improvement work for us. Our 4K program is off to a great start. Both morning and afternoon sessions are filled with waiting lists. All five wolves are now united together and they are adapting well.

Recreation

This Saturday is the record breaking Zumba event at Lambeau Field. Ald. Danzinger stated the current record is 6,671 participants and there are currently 3,500 participants registered. I invite everyone here to attend.

Our first annual Pickleball Tournament was held on September 7th at Edison Park. We had 70 participants which included players from four different states.

Rock The Night Away, our 50's and 60's dance will be held at Bay Beach on Friday, September 20th from 7-10 p.m. at Bay Beach Park. The Full Circle Band will play.

Ald. Danzinger made a motion to approve the Directors Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ald. Moore and carried.

Ald. Danzinger made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ald. Moore and carried.