

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, January 13, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to order by Secretary Audrey Stowell.  
Roll Call: Members Present: Audrey Stowell, Dale Berg, Dennis Doughty, Beth Arneberg, and Heidi Hoekstra. Absent: Curt Stepanek and Carmen Muenich.  
Staff present: Dick Hebert and Bill Faherty.
- 2) Approval of December 9, 2008, Minutes: **Motion by Dale Berg, seconded by Dennis Doughty, all present voting aye, to approve minutes of the December 9, 2008, meeting.**
- 3) Personal Appearances: None.
- 4) Discuss/Consider Security system for Zoo & Parks by Access Security. Tony Kovach gave presentation concerning security system prior to the meeting. No action taken.
- 5) Discuss/Consider Community Gardens at Marshall Park. Laura Kasdorf and Brian Hefty distributed the outline for the plan for the community gardens at Marshall Park. This is a joint project of the UW-Extension office, CF Parks & Rec, and CF community garden volunteers. The current location being looked at is between the lily garden and the swimming pool. A map is distributed.  
Dale Berg leaves at this time.  
Beth Arneberg raised concerns about the loss of open green space, the location, and becoming an eyesore.  
Dennis Doughty leaves briefly during this discussion. Curt Stepanek arrives at this time.  
Discussion regarding the procedures and policies that are being considered, plans to provide education sessions, concerns regarding fencing, building in various phases, etc.  
**Motion by Curt Stepanek, seconded by Dennis Doughty, all present voting aye, to support the concept of the community gardens project as presented.**
- 6) Discuss/Consider Sale of Neighborhood Parks – (Ball & Knight) (Simon Lyberg). Bill Faherty has contacted a realtor to get an estimated value of the properties. Discussion regarding selling the property for revenue, the amount the parks are currently used, the loss of green space if sold, revising function of the parks to better suit the needs of the neighborhood. No action taken.
- 7) Discuss/Consider Application for Youth Baseball (9-12) Tournament June 12-14 at Casper Park. USSSA has submitted an application to hold a tournament at Casper Park on June 12-14 for youth baseball. Discussion regarding fee for use and maintenance needed for increased distance between bases. We would be responsible for the concession stand. **Motion by Dennis Doughty, seconded by Heidi Hoekstra, to approve application of Premiere Sports and Events Management for**

**tournament on June 12-14 at Casper Park. Audrey Stowell, Beth Arneberg, Heidi Hoekstra, and Dennis Doughty voted aye; Curt Stepanek opposed. Motion carried.**

- 8) Discuss/consider Estate of Herbert J. Kopp – partial distribution for Irvine Park of \$20,499.80. Bill Faherty reports that he has received the first distribution from the Estate of Herbert J. Kopp. Additional funds will be distributed in the future. Discussed using funds for completion of the bobcat exhibit. **Motion by Audrey Stowell, seconded by Heidi Hoekstra, all present voting aye, to use funds from the first distribution of the Estate of Herbert J. Kopp toward the completion of the bobcats exhibit.**
- 9) Discuss/Consider proposal for services with Water Technology for compliance with Title XIV (pool drains). Discussion regarding being in compliance with Title XIV. Bill reports that the only issue we may have with compliance is the water slide. The company that put in the pool will evaluate our site to determine if we are in compliance with Title XIV. The cost is \$750.00 plus any other reimbursable expenses. **Motion by Dennis Doughty, seconded by Beth Arneberg, all present voting aye, to have Bill Faherty execute contract with Water Technology and proceed with compliance evaluation.**
- 10) Update on Current Projects.
  - a. Dog Park Playground in Chippewa Falls. There is a meeting on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. Bill reports that three members from the community have volunteered to be on the committee.
  - b. Bobcat Exhibit Phase 2. No work is being done right now as it is too cold. We still need additional funds to complete the project.
  - c. Kell's Corner in Irvine Park. Tom Kell has generously given \$2,500 to begin design process.
- 11) 2009 Budget. Distribution of the 2009 budget and donations report. Brief discussion. Dick indicates that there were funds given by students at the Middle School for the Skateboard Park that are not showing up in that fund. Those need to be moved from the general park donation fund to the skateboard park fund. The amount of \$9,271.48 was earned on the original Irvine Trust. By resolution, those funds are being placed in other funds with the Community Foundation.
- 12) Discuss/Consider Recreation Program Report. Dick gave report. The majority of registrations are taking place over the Internet, so that is working very well. Open gym/swim began at the Middle School this past Sunday.  
Curt left briefly during this time.
- 13) Discuss/Consider Personnel Report. No problems.
- 14) Discuss/Consider Friends of Irvine Park Zoo Report. No report.
- 15) Discuss/Consider Parks Maintenance Report. Staff is working on the main pavilion, taking down Christmas Village, and plowing. It is more productive to have all staff working 7:00 to 3:30, so the lower end of the park is open all the time now. The zoo is closed at 3:30 p.m. Discussion regarding grooming of the cross-country trails. Our staff

is doing grooming. Problems cited in the most recent USDA inspection included issues with the grain barrels. These will need to be replaced with metal or the grain needs to be stored elsewhere. Another problem is the perimeter fence around the cougars. Bill reports that he is still attempting to get a variance from the 8' fence requirement.

- 16) Board Member comments or concerns. None.
- 17) Approve Claims. **Motion by Dennis Doughty, seconded by Curt Stepanek, all present voting aye, to approve claims of \$60,802.74.**
- 18) Adjournment. **Motion by Dennis Doughty, seconded by Heidi Hoekstra, all present voting aye, to adjourn.**

Submitted by:

Audrey Stowell, Secretary