

PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2010

Board Present: Mark Anthony Martin, Janet Luchies, Vicki Locke, Mike Zajac, , Bery Pannkuk, Matt Tanis, Tucker Webb, and Susan Williams .

Board Excused: Elizabeth Jarzambek and Jason Koscinski

Staff Present: Parks Director Bill Deming and Park Superintendent John Milowe

Guests: Neighbor Carol Long at Oakland Drive Park

Meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. in Oakland Drive Park.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The July minutes were approved with minor amendments.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Review and Discussion of Oakland Drive Park (ODP)

One survey returned by resident Jeff Bartz stated no problems. ODP has 19.5 acres it was owned by the Portage Public Schools (PPS) prior to 1984. Developer was looking at purchasing from schools, but neighbors had concerns. In 1984 the city purchased from PPS on a land contract for use for park and storm water retention purposes. In 1986, working with neighbors, the city established a small open play area. From 1989-1992, two phases of development created the park facility. The storm water retention areas have been enhanced twice, most recently just this spring. The parking lot was recently resurfaced and the shelter stained.

B. Review and discussion of Haverhill Park.

Haverhill Park is 4 acres in size and has basketball, tennis, inline skating rink, play equipment and a connection to the Northwest Portage Bikeway trail. Haverhill is located in a heavily populated residential area and has long served the surrounding neighborhoods. The current water tower will eventually be relocated slightly to the west.

C. Sub Committee Assignments/Reports

Response to the Smoking Ban survey as been quite good – see attachment. The Board voted to recommend to City Council that smoking in city parks be prohibited in playground and park shelter areas. Bary Pannkuk abstained.

Summary Activity Report was discussed, the softball leagues are in their last week and most recreation programs completed. Bill Deming stated it has been a good summer with plenty of activity at Ramona Beach.

Comments from Board Members: The September 1 meeting will be last meeting for Mark Martin and Elizabeth Jarzambek as they have decided not to serve another term. Election of officers will need to be done at next meeting. Tucker Webb would like to have a “Zombie Wars” event in October. He will have more information at the September meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: September 1, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. Westfield Park & 7:15 p.m. Harbors West Park

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Locke, Park Board Secretary