

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

March 1, 2017 MEETING
City Hall, 108 N. Capron St.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, Berlin, WI is called to Order at 4:30, March 1, 2017 by Harry Kwidzinski.

Roll Call: Present: John Mix, Ron Harke, Victoria Hill, Jerry Bella, Kimberly Nikolai, Harry Kwidzinski

Absent: Charlie Beard

Also Present: Scott Zabel, Karen Neuman

General Public Comments: NONE

Approval of the minutes:

A motion is made by John Mix to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Jerry Bella seconded. The motion passed.

Approval of the accounts:

A motion is made by John Mix to approve the Park and Recreation Expenditure account. Jerry Bella seconded. The motion passed.

A motion is made by Victoria Hill to approve the Park and Recreation Revenue account. John Mix seconded. The motion passed.

Public Appearances: None

New Business:

A) Discussion on potential of an ice rink in future years.

Craig Johnson spoke on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club. He remarked that after having a conversation with City Administrator Jodi Olson, and Jason (last name unknown), there was interest in determining if an ice rink was possible in Berlin.

Mr. Johnson did some research on the Ripon and Omro ice rinks and found that in once instance the city purchased the liner and sideboards and in another instance a volunteer purchased them and maintained the ice. Some discussion ensued about past attempts at a rink in Berlin, including the area on Webster St behind the swimming pool, below the high school, and north of the North Ball Diamond. All of these ended up being unsuccessful eventually due to the pockets of dirt that bubbled up underneath the liners. There had been a location at Riverside Park with an old garage for a warming house as well.

Other concerns included lighting, maintenance, temperature, liner storage, and land location. It was agreed to add the topic to next month's agenda after some further research.

B.) Discussion on the donor contribution sign for campground showers.

Scott Zabel presented his recommendation for posting a plaque or sign in the window of the new shower facilities to thank the generous donors who helped make the new facilities possible. Jerry Bella agreed to bring some options and pricing to our next meeting.

C) Presenting Fun on the Fox & Discover Us magazine ads for campground and aquatic center.

Karen Neuman presented the two magazines, along with the latest publication of the Red and Green BHS publication. Each touted the new shower facilities. Both magazines were very well done, and the Park and Recreation Commission extended a thanks to both Karen Neuman for getting the info published timely, and to the Berlin Journal who squeezed in the update just before printing. Karen also commented that our parks will be listed in the EAA magazine as well.

Old Business:

A) Pickle Ball

Karen Neuman commented that Pickle Ball is up and running at the Clay Lamberton gym (door #2) from 3:30-5:00 pm, depending upon attendance, and that all are welcome to come try it out.

A motion is made by John Mix at 5:15 to adjourn. Seconded by Jerry Bella. The motion passed.

Next Meeting Date - April 5th, 2017 4:30pm