

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
Thursday June14, 2007**

**MINUTES**

1. Members Present: Chairman Gene Ewig called a duly noticed meeting of the Park & Recreation Board to order at 6:40 pm Members present: L. Mac Rae, M.A. Klotz, S. Kinas, P. Lemkuil, Chris Lear, acting Director. Excused: B. Babcock, R. Voigt, B. Deal
2. Approve Minutes: Motion by L. Klotz to accept minutes as presented/amended, second by L. MacRae; Motion passed 6-0.
3. Citizen Comments:  
No citizen comments.
4. Old Business:
  - A. Elected Official report: no report
  - B. Planning Commission Official report: No report
  - C. Director report: Pool passes were sold on Friday and Saturday last weekend & this coming weekend to transition to no weekend sales of passes. Flyers were sent to the schools about some of the programs. The pool staff reacted in an extremely swift and professional manner during an accident at the pool with perfect results. Chris was told about 2 dead bushes in Upper Lake Park near Hales Trails to be looked at on our Park Tour on Saturday. Also, our student representative has graduated and we asked that Jordan make a suggestion to the Mayor.
5. New Business:
  - A. Discuss repairs and maintenance of Skateboard Park. L. MacRae went to the skateboard park to ask frequent users what they would like. CEMENT, permanent pipes was the answer. Also taller handrails. The city of Louisville has a great cement park for reference. Bowls and half pipes are wanted. Older skaters have outgrown park. The bubbler was a great gift to the skaters and has been seen being used by many walkers, too. L. MacRae suggests moving up the maintenance on the park on our budget due to the comments of the users and the efforts of the citizens to start fundraising for the maintenance on the parks.
  - B. Discuss hiring of Director. There are 22 applications in for this position.
  - C. Review and recommend hiring of staff. With the addition of Roxanne Helmid as pool cashier and Jon Galarowitz as a softball scorekeeper, L. MacRae moves to approve the recommended summer staff. S. Kinas seconds. Passes 5-0
  - D. Discuss playground improvements and things that might be missing from annual list.
  - E. The new equipment at Lion's Park is in. It is beautiful and the donation from the Lion's Club is very much appreciated.
  - F. Discuss possibility of a disc golf course. Russ MacRae, Tom Michaels & Nicholas Michaels came to suggest putting in a disc golf course in Port Washington so the high-school-age citizens don't have to travel out of town for this activity. They suggested starting the course at Upper Lake Park near the old toboggan run and have baskets on the toboggan course leading down to Guenther Park. The baskets could be changed from time to time to vary the course. There would need to be baskets, signs to show where the course runs with about 30-0 ft between tee and basket. Chris Lear has the acquaintance of the head of Frisbee Disc Golf and would like to ask him to Port Washington to suggest a good spot. The World Disc Golf Championships will be in July at Dreska Park.
  - G. Discuss different ideas to honor Jay. Possibly creating a foundation or fund for underprivileged families/children. It was voted years ago that Parks would not be named after people. It was

suggested to start a scholarship for graduating HS students that are going to study Park and Recreation or botany. Also, it was suggested to start a fund for underprivileged families to be able to participate in the Park and Rec programs.

- H. Discuss date and time of Park Tour. This will be at 7:30am on Saturday, June 15 ending with the board attending the open house at the new city building.
- I. Discuss possible participation in the County Overlook Project at Milwaukee/Washington Street. Andrew Struck came to discuss the possibility of the Park and Recreation Department assisting with the financial needs of this new area. L. MacRae moves the she encourages the County to continue this beautiful project, but we feel the County should pursue other revenues for the funding of the project. S. Kinas seconds. Passes 5-0.
- J. J. Discuss possible new location for Community Gardens. It was suggested the community gardens be placed near the Wisconsin Electric Plant. It was added to the Park Tour for Saturday morning to gain knowledge of the area before a decision is made.

Motion by S. Kinas to adjourn, second by L. MacRae; Meeting adjourned at 8:10.