

**CITY OF RHINELANDER  
PARKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 31, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherrie Belliveau, Tom Gleason, Joe Salzer, and Tom Kelly, Alex Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Gunder Paulson, Police, Craig Mandli of the North Star Journal, Kyle Rogers of the Rivertown News, Bill Bell, and various citizens.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Belliveau called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The media was notified, the agenda was posted, and a quorum was present to do business.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

GLEASON/KELLY, MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 5, 2011 MINUTES WITH COST OF FIREWORKS TO BE CORRECTED TO \$4,000 FOR FIRST HALF PAYMENT AND \$8,000 TOTAL. 4 AYE, 1 ABSTAIN (YOUNG); MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT

- There were two burials
- Parks got a \$25,000 urban forestry grant
- Parks has been doing snow removal

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSS LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT FOR BOYCE DRIVE SEWER PLANT SITE TO BE REDEVELOPED INTO A PUBLIC FISHING PARK

Mayor Johns had no further information. Tom Gleason noted that they would be putting in floating docks for the kayakers and canoes.

Gunder Paulsen had not received any calls yet on the capstone project.

DISCUSS/APPROVE SKATEBOARD PARK RELOCATION PROJECT

Alex Young is working on getting 501C3 designation, and trying to incorporate separately. He is also working on the legal items, and had talked to someone at the Rhinelander Ice Arena about having a fund raiser for the skateboard park.

Sherrie Belliveau felt that they should get out community information, possibly consider some buffer trees, and inform the residents in the area of West Park. Alex agreed, and had a list of all of the residents on the streets nearby. Sherrie suggested having the Kids In Need canvass the neighborhood.

#### DISCUSS/APPROVE CITY HALL BUILDING RENOVATIONS PLAN

Bill Bell reported that the architects and engineers have been through the building. They had separated the renovations into the interior to be done in early March, and the mechanical and exterior later, but the architect decided to combine them. The original price didn't include bid documents and the bid process.

Sherrie asked about the cost for the middle kiosk, and Bill Bell explained that it would be \$7,000. He noted that they needed space for Jacquelyn Morrill in the mornings, and an intern could occupy the area in the afternoon. Alex Young added that the kiosk would be a good security measure, as no one could come in without being seen. Sherrie asked about keyless entry, but Bill noted that it would have cost around \$30,000.

#### DISCUSS/APPROVE PARKS SIGNAGE UPDATES

Gunder told the committee that they were working on wording for the signs.

#### DISCUSS/APPROVE JOINT CITY-KIWANIS BASKETBALL COURT AND TENNIS COURT RESURFACING PROJECT

Maureen O'Melia, City resident noted that if a basketball court were put in by the tennis courts at Pioneer Park, it would not be up to standards for court size, and there could possibly be liability issues.

Sherrie asked Brandon Karaba of the Kiwanis Club if they had found another spot in Pioneer Park to put a basketball court, and he noted that they were revisiting an area at Central School, which would involve additional money.

Carol Pedersen, a tennis player, asked why they were not considering the basketball courts at James Williams Middle School. Brandon noted that the cost would be outside of their range.

Doug Holquist, a tennis player felt that there would not be enough room if they split the present tennis court down the middle. Niki Meyer explained that both of the tennis courts are usually in use. She also noted that the High School courts were not always available for use.

Tina Werres felt that the Oneida Co. Fair would no longer be able to use the tennis courts for an exhibit hall as they have done in the past couple of years. She asked the committee to please consider that as the fair grows. She felt that they could jointly improve the court situation with resurfacing and a roof over it.

Mayor Johns asked if the YMCA had been asked to put in a court, but Brandon explained that the YMCA could decide not to let the community use it.

Maureen asked why they could not put the basketball court in another area, and Bill Bell explained that it would be more expensive for the Kiwanis, but that they needed to weigh the interests of everyone involved.

Mayor Johns thought that the City should look at putting a basketball court in one of its parks. He thought that the money could be raised to help put something in. Tom Kelly felt that they should leave the tennis courts in at Pioneer Park and try to find a way to put in a basketball court.

Lisa Kuczmariski stated that if there had been a basketball court at Pioneer Park her children would have used it. Now they have to use South Park for basketball.

Jerry Beyer, citizen, asked about a dual use court. Brandon said they had discussed it, but they would have to put up and take down a net. Jerry noted that he could come up with some ideas for dual use.

Mayor Johns asked about the curfew time if there were a basketball court at Pioneer Park. Bill Bell explained that they had discussed this, and if the lights did not affect the houses, they could amend the time to an hour later. Sherrie felt that she wouldn't want the noise the basketball court may create at 11:00 pm at night if she were residing near the park.

Brandon wondered if the committee would be agreeable with removal of at least three trees if they were to put the court in another spot in the park. Tina asked that the Oneida Co. Fair committee be informed as to where else they might go in the park. Brandon noted that the last time he was quoted for a ground up basketball court, it was \$48,000 to \$55,000.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### DISCUSS/APPROVE NEW TOOL CAT SNOWBLOWER ATTACHMENT (BORROWING ISSUE)

Gunder explained that they had waited on parts for two weeks. They are dependent on this machine, and he wondered what would happen if it broke down again. They talked about possibly buying another snow blower, but Jeremy Biolo is doing more work on the sidewalks for Inspection. They could get a smaller bobcat at half the price of Tool Cat, and the 3' width would work better than the 5'. Attachments would also be available. Public works could also use it for manual snow removal on bridges. The price is \$12,442.00.

Sherrie asked if this would be good for the next borrowing issue. Bill Bell noted that they could maybe tie it in this summer. The next city wide borrowing would be in 2013. Gunder noted that Randy Knuth thought it would be a good idea also since he could use the machine for bridges. Bill thought perhaps they could earmark the money from sidewalks for this. He noted that they should see a formal estimate and bring it to finance. They could fund it from Public Works and put the money from sidewalks back into it.

#### DISCUSS/APPROVE HEADWATERS CONTRACT (MARY HARDTKE)

This item will be discussed at the February meeting.

DISCUSS/APPROVE SHOEDER'S MARINE USE OF HODAG BOAT LANDING ON  
JULY 9, 2011

Jess Speigelhoff of Shoeder's Marine explained to the committee that they will be putting on a Ranger Boat demo from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Ranger provides the boats and drives them, and the customers can ride. They will have four different boats available. They also provide liability insurance. Jess did not need to reserve one of the park shelters since they would be using tents. They would only need an area for people to get on and off of the boats. Bill Bell told him that they would need to provide their insurance certificate.

YOUNG/GLEASON, MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF HODAG PARK BOAT LANDING BY SHOEDER'S MARINE ON JULY 9, 2011, CONTINGENT UPON PROVIDING LIABILITY INSURANCE. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

MATTERS OF EMERGENCY/INFORMATIONAL NATURE

Nothing to discuss

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS & CLAIMS

SALZER/GLEASON, MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,381.94. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS AND MEETING DATE

Headwaters contract  
Joint Kiwanis/City Basketball Court  
Fishing Park  
Skateboard Park

The next regular meeting will be held on February 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

GLEASON/SALZER, MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 31, 2011 PARKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:45 P.M. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

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