

**CITY OF RHINELANDER
PARKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 29, 2011 - 4:00-5:15 PM**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Dick Johns, Public Works Director Randy Knuth, Lisa Kuczarski, Parks, Buildings & Ground Director Gunder Paulsen, Kyle Rogers, Police Chief Mike Steffes, Eric Vaughan, Tina Werres and Fire Chief Terry Williams.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Belliveau at 4:00 PM. The media was notified, the agenda posted, and a quorum present to do business. Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY SALZER, TO POSTPONE APPROVAL OF THE 7/25/11 MINUTES. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Gunder Paulsen reviewed his activity report for the month of July.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4TH OF JULY HODAG PARK ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Eric Vaughan stated that he thought everything went smoothly, considering the short amount of planning time available. He has many suggestions, and asked about plans for next year. Sherrie asked Eric if he'd be willing to do it again if we are unable to find a civic organization to do it; and Eric stated that he would. The Committee agreed that Eric did a good job and we would like him to do it again. Sherrie stated that if someone else comes forward, we'll let Eric know; Eric stated that he will begin planning. Alex stated that it's awfully nice to have someone down there volunteering their time, with nobody else willing to do it, and he thanked Eric for his efforts.

Gunder noted that next July 4th falls on a Wednesday, and asked if there is any problem doing the fireworks on that day. Sherrie noted that we've always had the fireworks on the 4th, and other area communities plan around that.

ONEIDA COUNTY FAIR UPDATE

Tina Werres stated that the fair went very well; there were no injuries or major incidents. She reported the attendance was just under 18,000, which was right in line with last year. Tina noted that we lost Saturday afternoon due to weather; otherwise, she believes we would have met her projected attendance of 20,000.

Tina stated that there are some electrical issues; in spite of the improvements the City did, the fair ended up with a \$4,000 bill from Gaber Electric, which they can't afford on an annual basis, so this is something that we need to discuss for year. She noted that the issue was getting the power to the vendors, and this will continue to be an issue for the fair, as well as any other groups that may want to use the park. She thought perhaps there are additional upgrades that can be done to alleviate that in the future. Tina noted that they are working with Home Depot to enclose the outdoor stuff next to their white building, and Home Depot will help them construct some fencing to conceal the rabbit cages, etc. She stated that they're looking ahead at next year; their first meeting is next week. Gunder noted that Gaber installed some treated plywood with outlets near the playground equipment, and Gaber asked if we wanted to spend \$500 to make it permanent. Gunder feels it's in a bad location, and can't foresee any use for it. Tina will look at it and talk to Gaber.

SKATEBOARD PARK UPDATE

Alex Young stated that they are still in the process of forming a 501(c)(3).

CITY HALL RENOVATION PROJECT AND ELECTRICAL UPDATE

Gunder reported that he hasn't heard from Laurie Goscha. This will be placed on the next agenda, and Laurie will be asked to attend.

UPDATE ON CONCEALED CARRY AND SIGNAGE

Lisa Kuczarski stated that she talked to Mike Steffes earlier today, and he said there were some concerns. Mike had spoken to Daniel Olsen of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, who said that at no time did the League intend to take a stance on this issue, but they are leaving it up to each municipality to draft their own ordinances and policies. Lisa also talked to CVMIC and was assured that nothing has changed, the drafts we forwarded to them are fine. She stated that this needs to be in place by November 1st.

Sherrie Belliveau noted that this originally came to the Parks Committee because it involved signage in the parks, but this is really a PPP issue and she doesn't think it needs to come back here.

NEW BUESINESS

DISCUSS/APPROVE PPHC BLACKSMITH ROOF

Gunder reported that the roof is leaking badly; it's been patched for the time being. He has gotten some estimates for the repairs. Gunder stated that this is one of those things that has a very good chance of snowballing.

MOTION GLEASON, SECOND BY KELLY, TO APPROVE PPHC BLACKSMITH ROOF REPAIRS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2,150. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSS/APPROVE DEMOLITION OF OLD DNR RANGER STATION

Gunder reported that he was recently contacted by the DNR regarding this matter. This is something that Bill Bell had started working on, but didn't finish prior to his departure.

MOTION BY YOUNG, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO WORK WITH THE DNR REGARDING DEMOLITION OF THE OLD RANGER STATION. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSS/APPROVE ELECTRICAL UPGRADES AT PIONEER PARK

Gunder reported that Gaber Electric had made a temporary change to accommodate the Oneida County Fair, and Gaber subsequently asked Gunder if he wanted to make this a permanent change. Gunder stated that he did not want to make this a permanent change. The Committee agreed.

DISCUSS/APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW CEMETERY MOWER

Gunder advised that a new mower is needed for the Cemetery, and he would like to go with a zero turn mower. Funds available in the Parks & Cemetery Equipment Replacement account.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY SALZER, TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW CEMETERY MOWER AT A COST OF \$4,708.90. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

2012 BUDGET ITEMS

Gunder stated that he would like to purchase a piece of equipment for snow removal. He noted that we now have a lot of sidewalks to maintain, and people have come to expect it. The Public Works Dept. also has a need to clean sidewalks along the bridges, and the size of this piece of equipment would be a benefit to him also. Randy Knuth stated that we don't know where the money would come from, but he feels this is a badly-needed piece of equipment. Sherrie Belliveau asked Gunder and Randy to confer a little more and see how it can be worked into the budgets.

MATTERS OF EMERGENCY/INFORMATIONAL NATURE – Nothing to report.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY SALZER, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,788.18. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS AND MEETING DATE

Future Agenda:

- Discuss Gaber Bills for Oneida County Fair
- Update on City Hall Renovations – Laurie Gschu

Next meeting date:

- Monday, Sept. 26th at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY YOUNG, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 29, 2011 PARKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 PM. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

Sherrie Belliveau, Chairperson

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