

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2007

The meeting of the Parks & Rec. Board was called to order on April 25, 2007 at 5:00PM at the Algoma Youth Club.

Present: Ken Taylor, Marge Rodrian, & Steve Anderson

Absent: Bob Hafeman & Scott Ryan

Also present: Amy Haack, Jan Dart, Terry Qualman, David Colton, & Jeff Schukow

Moved by Rodrian second by Anderson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Jan Dart asked about the blacktopping of the walkway to the 2nd St. Bridge. Blacktopping will be done soon. Dart also discussed donations of benches for the city. Many more benches have been donated and more areas need to be designated for benches. She suggested Newman Park with benches placed on the corners.

Moved by Rodrian second by Anderson to approve last month's meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Rodrian second by Anderson to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

- The Bloodmobile received 59 pints.
- Thank you to the Algoma Cub Scouts for cleaning the beach area and Peterson Park.
- The VIP dance had about 125 kids attend.
- At the Easter Bunny Breakfast about 200 parents and children attended.
- Flyers for summer baseball and softball sign-ups will be sent to the schools in early May.
- Perry Field curfew is dusk unless there's a Park sponsored event going on.

Moved by Rodrian second by Anderson to not allow carry-ins of food and beverage at the Youth Club. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Qualman will research fishing docks for DeMeuse Park.
- Qualman will research the cost of a sign to point out the direction to DeMeuse Park and will report back at next month's meeting.
- David Colton & Jeff Schukow addressed the Committee regarding their program to remove birds from the beach. They use kites and remote control planes & boats. Motion by Anderson second by Rodrian to proceed with the bird program with Great Lakes Avian Pest Control for a 6 month contract. Qualman will work with them as to the number of kites to be installed. Motion carried.

- The new Perry Field building will be dedicated on June 1st at 4:00PM. There will be a softball game between city workers and Algoma Public School employees. Burgers, brats, & soda will be served.
- Discussed allowing a vendor to serve food and beverage on the beach. This vendor would only be serving minimal items such as hotdogs. Motion by Anderson second by Rodrian to let the PPP Committee review this next. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Motion by Rodrian second by Anderson to allow a flea market to use Legion Park on Saturday mornings in the summer. Mayor Haske, 487-2120, has volunteered to organize this along with the Farmers Market. The flea market will run from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Motion carried.
- Dead trees that need to be removed from Newman Park were discussed. Motion by Rodrian second by Anderson to refer this to the Tree Committee for their review and recommendation. Motion carried.
- Discussed the suggestion from several senior citizens to use Knudson Hall for an adult program as a community center. Motion by Rodrian second by Anderson to allow Knudson Hall to be used Mon, Wed, & Fri 1-4PM. Motion carried.
- Discussed the summer program with director Amy Haack. The public school will have summer school from June 7th thru June 28th. The Park program will be open Monday, June 4th and run 9 weeks from 9:00AM – 3:30PM. A suggestion was made to see if local businesses would be willing to donate lunches.

Motion by Anderson second by Rodrian to go into closed session to discuss wages for Park employee Amy Haack per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1) (c). Motion carried.

Motion by Rodrian second by Anderson to reconvene to open session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(2). Motion carried.

Motion by Rodrian second by Anderson to increase Summer Park Director Amy Haack's wages to \$10.00 per hour and hire Kathleen Levy, Kirk Rodrian, Alex Blahnik, and Sam Zastrow to work with the park program. Motion carried.

Moved by Rodrian second by Anderson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.