

CITY OF MEQUON
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PARK BOARD MEETING
October 30, 2014
Mequon City Hall
South Conference Room
6:30 PM

Chairperson Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm with roll call as follows:

Members present: Bruce Barnes, Susan Chich, Mary Glenn Fuchs (6:35pm), Mark Gierl, Jim Lysaught, Fran Rechcygl, and Robert Walerstein

Members absent: Alderman Rob Strzelczyk

Also present: Parks Director Curran and Staff Liaison Szymanski

1. **Approval of Park Board Minutes:**

Moved by Robert Walerstein and seconded by Mark Gierl to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

2. **Visitor Participation/Recognition:**

None

3. **Moonlight Landing Review:**

Earlier in the year the Park Board approved the purchase of three properties that make up Moonlight Landing on Island Drive. The Park Board expressed a desire to address improvements as quickly as possible which would include a parking area, trail system and access to the river. While meeting at the site with a Boy Scout on October 20th, Director Curran was approached by a local citizen that had questions regarding the plans for the property. Concerns included increased traffic, exceeding the speed limit and why the site was purchased for this purpose versus the site on the opposite side of the river. An opportunity was given to present their questions at the October meeting. The board understands the concerns and feels this site will not be a large draw and is ready to move forward, stating this site was purchased prior to the site across the river.

4. **Moonlight Landing Identification Sign:**

In an effort to identify the newly acquired sites on Island Drive named Moonlight Landing we need to choose identification sign. Included in the packet are several examples of what might be used. The sign would be mounted on two cedar posts with an approximate cost of \$860.00. Once approved and the sign is received, Parks Department staff will install it. A motion made by Mary Glenn Fuchs and seconded by Robert Walerstein to purchase the blue colored sign depicting a canoe, moon and tree for Moonlight Landing as shown in the samples passed by voice acclamation.

5. **River Barn Cell Tower:**

At the September 17th Park Board meeting information was presented regarding the possibility of locating a cell tower at River Barn Park. After discussion on the topic, a motion was made to table the idea until additional information was received regarding the look of the tower and supporting building. Several photographs were taken of existing locations in the city representing several cell towers. The Planning Commission will have final review and approval of the project along with the terms of the lease being reviewed by the Common Council. After reviewing the photographs, the Park Board discussed the possibility of the tower structure being painted a color to blend in with the surrounding park building. Another possible location of the tower that would be near the city nursery in River Barn Park was also discussed. The Park Board mentioned they would like to keep the look of the cell tower to match the barn style of the pavilion.

A motion made by Bruce Barnes and seconded by Susie Chich that the Park Board recommends the installation of the potential cell tower with the location to be determined for compatibility of park use and access to the park with minimum disturbance of park activities along with aesthetics of the tower be addressed. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

6. **Chairperson’s Report:**

Chairman Barnes would like to have a joint meeting with the River Advisory Committee and the Mequon Thiensville Bike Pedestrian Commission for an open discussion regarding a bike/pedestrian crossing over Donges Bay Road and other related topics.

7. **Director’s Report:**

Director Curran had no report.

8. **Adjourn:**

A motion by Fran Rechcygl and seconded by Robert Walerstein to adjourn at 7 pm passed by acclamation.

Future meeting date.....To be determined

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF MEQUON PARK BOARD