

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
April 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairperson Ladd.

Roll call was taken by City Clerk Amy K. Kirkland.

Members Present: Commissioners Terri Brown, Sherri Chavora, Jerry Hebekeuser,
Chairperson Marsha Ladd.

Members Absent: Vacancy.

Others Present: Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community
Development.

Approve Agenda for April 25, 2011:

**A motion to approve the agenda as presented, switching Business Items 2 & 3, was made by
Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Hebekeuser.**

Ayes: all, motion carried

Approve Minutes from March 28, 2011 meeting:

**A motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2011 meeting was made by
Commissioner Chavora and supported by Commissioner Brown.**

Ayes: all, motion carried

Public / Board Comments:

There were no public comments.

Chairperson Ladd noted a new member would be appointed at the next City Council meeting to
fill the vacancy on the Commission.

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. March 28, 2011 minutes
3. Playscape information
4. Bentley Park Capital Rehabilitation Plan
5. Recreation Passport Grant application, photo appendix & Council resolution
6. Holman Pool letter

Business:

1. Bentley Park rehabilitation, playscape and grants

Director Zettel began the Bentley Park rehabilitation discussion by detailing the quote for the playscape received from Miracle of Michigan. He noted that approximately \$30,000 - \$35,000 should be raised prior to placing the order for the equipment. He went on to note that the price quoted would only be good for a period of time and may change by the time the necessary funds are raised.

There was discussion regarding associated costs, keeping the existing playground equipment in place until Phase II of the plan is finished, deciding on an overall plan for the park, the location of the playscape, and ensuring the rehab is ADA compliant.

There was further discussion regarding the status of the grant applications that had recently been submitted, performing improvements to the park this weekend during the Green Up Clean Up event, ensuring that while the Commission waits for answers on grant funding there is still visible progress taking place at the parks. It was noted that improvements to Bentley Park should remain on hold until the grant funding sought is awarded as any and all work performed prior to receipt of the grant would not be eligible for grant funding. The Commission agreed to wait to perform rehab work in Bentley Park.

2. Holman Pool and Rudy DeMuth updates

The Commission discussed the recent letter from Councilperson Gary Martenis announcing the pool should be torn down. They agreed that the structure should come down if that is what the experts recommend. Chairperson Ladd will attend the next meeting of the pool committee and report back to the Commission.

There was further discussion regarding the new dugouts for the Pee Wee players and progress on planning for the concession stand and bathrooms.

3. Fundraising

It was noted Walmart and Meijer may have grants available for the playscape. This idea will be investigated further in June.

Commissioner Chavora indicated there will be a Garden Party fund raiser held on May 14th and the Commission will be hosting a tent during the Curwood Festival to offer information on parks projects and ways for the public to participate. She also indicated there were 33 sponsor letters that needed follow-up by members of the Commission.

The Commission agreed to plan for the Curwood Festival at the next meeting.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chavora and was supported by Commissioner Brown. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Ayes: all, motion carried

City Clerk Amy K. Kirkland
and Commissioner Terri Brown