



OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD

MONDAY, APRIL 08, 2024 AT 5:00 PM

COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOM, 1050 N. ORANGE ST., RICHLAND CENTER, WI 53581

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by President Elliott, and a quorum was present; the meeting had been properly noticed.

ROLL CALL: Park Board members: Pat Elliott, Kathryn Lewandowski, Alicia Woodhouse, Larry Hallett, Brad Wegner; Mark Chambers, City Council, Gary Manning, County Board, Jodi Mieden.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Manning to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting(s) in lieu of printed copies and approve the same, 2nd by Wegner. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

2. Discussion and possible approval on the placement of a historical marker for Vernon W. Thomson at 950 N. Orange Street.

Bob Bellman was on hand to speak on the historical marker request. He has applied for the sign and has been approved. He has requested it to be placed in Krouskop Park near the existing historical marker for GTE, and to be the same general size, 36" x 24". Installation costs and labor will be minimal as it is in an easy location with no restrictions. The city will meet to approve purchase of the sign and will install when appropriate. Bellman noted the process may take up to a year to complete. Motion to approve the location of the sign made by Manning, 2nd by Hallett. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible approval of the Facility Agreement between the Richland School District and the City of Richland Center July 1, 2024-June 30, 2026.

Mieden reported that the only things that changed on the agreement were the dates of the contract, simplified verbiage from specific names and programs to more general, all-inclusive language, and to add language that discontinues Stori Field use in the event of future development. Motion to approve the agreement made by Hallett. 2nd by Woodhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible approval of the shelter fee discount for Park Street Christian Church.

The board agreed that the Non-profit rate of 25% off would apply to this request. Motion to approve the 25% discount by Woodhouse. 2nd by Wegner. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion of the City's updated Policy of Acceptance of monetary, non-monetary, & in-kind donations.

The ordinances pertaining to the Park Board were presented along with the WI statute that explained the powers of the Park Board. Chambers explained that per the attorney, the new donation policy gave the Park Board more leeway to accept donations than before. Members agreed that they allowed for donations to be earmarked to the Park Fund checking account and were satisfied they would not be sent to general funds if earmarked. Motion by Manning to approve the policy as is. 2nd by Wegner. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: *Approval of payment of the monthly bills.*

6. Motion by Chambers to approve March 2024 Bills. 2nd by Manning. Motion carried unanimously.

SENIOR COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Heffner reported that ADRC is hosting a new free senior program called BINGOCIZE x2 per week for ages 60+. They play BINGO and in between calling numbers they do some easy exercises from their chairs. The \$99 Brewer game trip is filling up and is always popular. Four trips to Diamond Jo are scheduled this year, April 25, June 13, August 22, and October 10.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mieden reported that we are collaborating with RCPD/RSD CR Officer Wilson on a new and improved "Cops & Bobbers" Fishing Derby to improve on what we already offer June 1. The Richland Hospital and Clinics are celebrating their 100th birthday this year and want to provide free admission to the Woodman Aquatic Center to the community on June 21, July 20, and August 16. A Tennis court surface seminar was attended and Mieden will work with Reed to set up a scheduled maintenance program for the future. Lots of work is being done at Ocooch Mountain Recreation Trails on Peebles Drive by dedicated volunteers, and we are planning an event the end of the month to promote the hiking/biking trails and say thanks.

PARK BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Nothing to report, but to say thanks to Manning for coming to the last meeting as County Representative.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS: Manning mentioned when he raised the old pool, he acquired a large brass/copper ball said to have been used as a float/baffle for the water level. If the board thought it could be used for display of any kind, he would be willing to donate it back to us. He will send pictures of the item to be discussed at a later date.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Second Monday of the Month. May 13th, 2024 at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn by Manning. 2nd by Hallett. Motion carried unanimously.