

MINUTES

Board of Park & Forestry Commissioners
Tuesday, August 24, 2010
Municipal Service Bldg., Training Rm.
2026 New Jersey Ave.
4:00 pm

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Commissioners- Ald. Jim Bohren, Vickie Hall, Jody Brooks, Terry Radtke, Lee Montemayor Jr., Marge Mattern
Non-Voting Members- Sgt. Scott Reineke, Jonathan Dolson, Bill Bittner, David Biebel
4. Approval of minutes from July 20, 2010.
 - L. Montemayor Jr./M. Mattern motioned to approve. All ayes.
5. Public Input (3-minute limit per individual).
 - No public input was made.
6. Commissioners and Non-Members Comments.
 - Discussion was held regarding the board's role. Commissioners were referred to Sec. 2-762. Intent and purpose: The board of park and forestry commissioners is an advisory board and such shall formulate policies and objectives and provide a long-range orderly and comprehensive program for development, maintenance and preservation of the parks, park facilities, parkways, boulevards and forestry program in the City of Sheboygan. The board shall act to coordinate concerns for parkland usage and preservation utilizing private citizen and public official participation and all available resources.
 - B. Bittner made comments on the upcoming capital budget in which borrowing up to \$2 million can be made. The majority of the funds are likely to be used for roads and equipment. He commented that the city can no longer ignore the quality of life investments that are needed for capital improvements, which he deems as necessary. City staff has been looking at short-term needs during this budget process. Optimist Park leads the top of the list for a replacement structure and restroom along with a relocation of the structure away from a nearby home. Commissioners commented on the status of Optimist Park and on whether they felt the Quarryview Park swimming facility should receive improvements or potentially face closure due to unpopularity and funding issues. Staff stated other than finishing up King Park, there is no more capital funding for the parks area. B. Bittner stated that current park crew staffing at 15 is not at a sustainable level for maintaining the parks.
 - V. Hall mentioned the "Beach Sweep" Adopt-a-Beach cleanup event is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 25 from 9 am to Noon. All the city's beach parks are registered on the www.greatlakes.org website where participants can sign-up. The city will provide dumpsters for the event at DeLand and King parks and weigh the trash collected for this international one-day coastal clean-up event.

7. Staff assessment, recommendations, and board discussion of Kiwanis Park.
 - HOLD

8. Park Systems Manager Report, T. Radtke.
 - Quarryview Park's swimming facility was closed to the public on Sunday, August 22.
 - With the amount of rain this summer, Kiwanis has green grass.
 - King Park now has air conditioning. There are no more funds for park improvements other than finishing up the King Park work.
 - Due to a recent storm, many trees and branches are down in City parks that crews are working on removing.
 - Cemetery keeping up with grass cutting now that the rainfall has gone down.

9. Set next meeting date: Tuesday, Sept. 28
Municipal Service Bldg.
4 pm

10. Adjourn.

Submitted by: V. Hall