



MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019, 5:00 PM
CITY HALL, ROOM 207**

**(Immediately following Improvement & Services Committee
which begins at 4:00 PM.)**

A. ROLL CALL.

Ald. Chris Wery, Ald. Andy Nicholson, Ald. Brian Johnson, Excused - Ald. Jesse Brunette

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, No- None, Abstain- None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, No- None, Abstain- None

D. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Consideration with possible action on the request to purchase a Walk-in-Freezer including installation for the Wildlife Sanctuary from John's Refrigeration for \$25,656.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, No- None, Abstain- None

2. Consideration with possible action on the request to hire Stantec to provide engineering services for the East River Trail/Main Street Plaza and Saint George Street canoe/kayak launch for a total cost

of \$83,400.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, No- None, Abstain- None

3. Consideration with possible action on accepting a donation from the Redevelopment Authority of Parcel 5-1150 (236 Gray Street) to the City of Green Bay for the expansion of Fisk Park.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, No- None, Abstain- None

E. INFORMATIONAL.

1. Staff update on the fundraising efforts for the 9-11 Memorial.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Andy Nicholson to receive and place on file. Motion carried.
Yes- Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, No- None, Abstain- None

2. Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to receive and place on file. Motion carried.
Yes- Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, No- None, Abstain- None

3. The next Park Committee is scheduled for March 13, 2019.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried.
Yes- Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, No- None, Abstain- None

VERBATIM MINUTES

- Okay, we're recording.
- All right, we'll call to order the February 27th meeting of the Parks Committee, and we'll note Alder Johnson, Alder Nicholson, and Alder Wery are present. Alderman Brunette is excused. Can I have approval of the agenda?
- So moved.
- Second.
- Moved by Nicholson, second by Johnson, to approve, those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried. If I go too fast, yell at me. Approval of the minutes?
- Moved.
- Seconded.
- Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Johnson. Discussion? Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried. Regular business. D, Number one, consideration of possible action on the request to purchase a walk-in freezer, including installation for the wildlife sanctuary from John's Refrigeration, \$25,650.
- Motion to approve.
- Motion to approve?
- Is there any issues?
- No. This is very straightforward.
- Low bid.
- Low bid, that's good. Were there multiple bids?

- Three.

- Okay, sweet. There was a motion by Nicholson, seconded by Johnson. Discussion? Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Thank you sir. That's the easiest one we've had in a while. Number two, consideration of possible action on the request to hire Stantec to provide engineering services for East River Trail, Main Street Plaza, St. George Street Canoe/Kayak Launch, 83,400.

- Just a couple of quick things here. So we did receive two separate grants which will fund the hiring of this consultant, so we received \$200,000 from the NRDA grant which is the Fox River Cleanup, and that's to engineer it and also construct the canoe/kayak launch, and then recently we received a \$50,000 grant specifically for the engineering of the Main Street Plaza area between Baird Street and Irwin Avenue. We did send it to five separate consulting firms, only two of them bid on it. We are proposing or recommending that we award it to the low bidder, both of them were qualified to do a good job.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Johnson. Discussion? Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Number three, consideration of possible action on accepting a donation from the RDA, 236 Grace Street to the City of Green Bay for the expansion of Fisk Park.

- There's a map that was included in your agenda packet. In 2018 the redevelopment authority purchased this property for the sole purpose of park expansion. It's currently a residential property. There's a single-family home there. The Redevelopment Authority does plan on demolishing the home later this spring. Once the home comes down, they would like to donate the property to the Parks Department for future park expansion. Our game plan there would be to extend the parking lot further north, and then maybe even look at more property acquisition as the opportunity comes up in the future. So we've been having a lot of parking issues with the neighborhood over there; this will help alleviate it. There's no cost to the Parks Department in this. The Redevelopment Authority funded the acquisition and they'll fund the demolition. We'll have to fund the parking lot, though.

- This used to be in my district and when we re-did Fisk Pool, we always knew we were going to be expanding that parking lot at some point, and it wasn't until just recently that house went for sale and I submitted it for purchase. Luckily it met the parameters, was purchased, and now it's coming full circle. So, yeah, parking issues over there.

- Motion to approve.
- Second.
- Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Johnson. Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried. Informational, staff update, on fundraising for 9/11.

- As we mentioned before, it's estimated that the repairs to the monument will cost approximately \$100,000. At the September 2018 Park Committee, staff was directed to work with Alderman VanderLeest to develop a fundraising plan for the memorial renovation. Shortly after that meeting, staff did meet with Alderman VanderLeest and the original individual who started the fundraising effort to put that together and see if they could develop a fundraising plan. We did discuss the fundraising process with them, and recommended that the two of them proceed with putting together a fundraising committee, and come back to staff with a proposal of how they were going to achieve their fundraising goals. Recently Alderman VanderLeest did approach me and he indicated that to date, no funds have been raised for this project, and he has decided not to lead the fundraising effort any more. So he asked that I provide this update to the Park Committee. So therefore, the fundraising efforts will be temporarily put on hold until another individual comes forward to chair the fundraising effort. If no one comes forward to the Park Committee, then the Park Committee and City Council will have to make a decision whether or not they want to fund the repairs by some other method other than fundraising, and really, that would be a bond request of \$100,000 to repair it. I believe that it was approximately \$30,000 to remove it, and at one point we talked about the possibility of actually rebuilding it as a different memorial. Still a 9/11 memorial, but it would look differently and be part of the police/fire building that we're looking at. That would be a possibility too, but that hasn't been designed yet. So it would be up to the Park Committee and the City Council to decide which route they want to go with it if no one steps up to fundraise.

- And we would need a rough estimate of what it would cost to rebuild it, 'cause it could be a wash, right?

- At that point, what we would do is, if that's the direction that City Council wanted to go, then we would hire some artist to come up with a conceptual design of what that could be.

- Or at least before we have that discussion, say it's a hundred grand to fix up what we have, it's thirty grand to tear it down plus the cost of the new monument, so you'd need to look at those two figures.

- We'd have to design the monument before we could give you a cost, because it could be something very basic with just a plaque, or it could be something more intricate with lighting and water and whatever you want. It really depends on what the approved concept is. So I can't really give you an estimate of what that redesign would be. We'd have to work with an artist and maybe bring a couple of concepts forward and determine which one we would want to pursue before we could give you an

estimate. Right now, this is just informational, we're not looking for any action, so I would just receive and place on file, but if you have more questions -

- Not a question, but a comment. At this point, I think it makes sense for the Public Arts Commission to take this up. I don't know why the Parks Department is handling this. If you can just handle that and do that, but otherwise I would just make a motion to receive and place on file.

- Second.

- Motion by Johnson, second by Nicholson. Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Director's report.

- Hold on one minute. Director's report. Snow removal has kept our park crews busy over the last few weeks as you can imagine. Although it's cold and there's a lot of snow, it has become difficult to keep good sheets of ice. This time of year, the angle of the sun changes, it heats up the dasher boards on the hockey rinks and so it starts to melt around those dasher boards. Also at Triangle Hill, we've had a lot of snow that blew around so although there's a lot of snow around, we haven't been open every day because the hill is icy and there's just not adequate snow cover. We're open as much as we can, though. We recently also completed the process of removing 53 ash trees at Colburn Park. They were infected with the emerald ash borer, so you may be getting questions on that. Earlier this week on Monday, the first three semi loads of the Ferris wheel arrived at Bay Beach. So if you go out there, you'll see the actual ride starting to be erected on site, so it's pretty exciting. And then finally, the dance recital is scheduled for March 5th at West High School, and there's 87 participants. I would recommend if you've never gone, you should go to that.

- Motion to receive and place on file.

- Motion by Alderman Nicholson to receive and place on file. Second under discussion. The new ride should open this spring, or June?

- As early in the year as possible. We're shooting for Memorial Day weekend, but that's still tentative. A lot of it depends on the weather and if the weather co-operates with us.

- If we could co-ordinate maybe with the committee, maybe we could hold a meeting out there in conjunction with opening it or something, and then take a ride at it, I don't know.

- You said it.

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- Alright, anything else?

- No.
- Next Park Committee we'll discuss tentatively March 13th -
- March, well, I guess would you want to have Park Committee - If INS is meeting at five, would you like to have Park Committee at four then?
- We should be first.
- That's fine with me.
- We still need to vote on that.
- Motion to adjourn?
- Motion to adjourn. Have a good week, everyone.
- We're adjourned.
- We didn't vote.
- What's that?
- We didn't actually vote on the -
- Receiving the -
- Report. I think it was implied, but -