

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE  
PARKS COMMISSION  
Village Hall Auditorium  
9915 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158  
Tuesday, June 3, 2008  
6:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Parks Commission was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, 6:00 p.m. Present were Rita Christiansen, Glenn Christiansen, Michael Russert, William Mills and Monica Yuhas. Michealene Day and Kathleen Burns were excused. Also present were Michael Pollocoff, Village Administrator and Ruth Mack, Clerical Secretary.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MAY 6, 2008 PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.**

**Monica Yuhas moved to approve the Parks Commission Meeting minutes of the May 6, 2008 meeting presented in their written form: Seconded by Michael Russert. Motion carried 5-0.**

- 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Discuss Revisions of Summer Activities on Lake Andrea.**

Mike Pollocoff:

Thank you, Rita. John provided a list for you to go over. These are the events we're going to have at Prairie Springs Park on Lake Andrea this summer. The Great Lakes Water Cross was cancelled. One of the other changes is the consolidation of the Wakeboard Competition, the nationals, with Prairie Family Days so those are happening at the same time. He's also given us a map that kind of shows how that Wakeboard Competition is going to be on the southeast side of the lake instead of the northwest side. So as they're laying out Family Days it's going to change that layout somewhat and be able to focus for them to take advantage of the Family Days crowd and for the Family Days crowd to be able to see the competition better.

The Danskin and our Triathlon are a little bit of a challenge this year because we're going to be closing 165 on the west side of the Interstate, and then Lake County is closing 173. Traffic is going to be trying to find its way between U—I'm sorry they're closing Russell Road, so traffic is going to have to go between U and 173 to be able to maneuver around this area if they want to get to the west side. So we're going to have to modify the Pleasant Prairie Triathlon course to have it double up on this side of the Village, and for

Danskin it's just going to make the cluster that goes on with that with all the people coming in here a little more intense as we have so many people coming from out of the State or out of the area that start hunting around looking. It will make some of the events a little more challenging.

The Barracudas Open Water event is going to be I gather an extremely large event this year. It got some really good reviews last year and it's going to be a bigger event than it's been in the past. If there's any questions on those activities or any recommendations for inclusions or subtractions?

Rita Christiansen:

We'll take any questions or issue from the Board members?

Michael Russert:

I have one question. So the days of the event the lake is then officially closed?

Mike Pollocoff:

Yes.

Michael Russert:

Can somebody still go swimming or fishing off the shoreline?

Mike Pollocoff:

Some of them like with the Wakeboard Tournament the beach will still be open. We'll limit sailboarders and we'll still rent boats. Barracudas Open Water there will be no sailboarders but the beach will be open. Danskin everything shuts down. Family Days we're going to limit boat access to the west side of the lake so you're going to have to portage a boat in while they're doing their competition. There will be no wake on the lake that day. And the Junior Triathlon the lake will be open. The Pleasant Prairie Triathlon the lake will be closed for everything for the morning. Even Danskin the lake will open up after lunch for use. But the day before when we're setting up the buoys and we've got the cables up we don't want anybody out while they're out there.

Rita Christiansen:

Anyone else? I have a question. For the Pleasant Prairie Family Days we normally have a ski show for the families in the evening. Will be still be doing that event?

Mike Pollocoff:

No, I don't believe so. The wakeboarders will be skiing into the evening. They're going for five days. And what they're doing is some preliminaries. You can see on the schedule it's the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> they'll be doing some test setups. So actually their Sunday

competition which is usually a slow day at Family Days is going to be the championship of the wakeboard. So that's when the best competition is going to take place. So they're looking to go into the early evening as long as it's light enough on Saturday and be able to entertain the crowds that are there for what they're doing.

Rita Christiansen:

And we're still going to have a fireworks display?

Mike Pollocoff:

Right.

Rita Christiansen:

Then as far as parking goes, because this could very well double what we currently see.

Mike Pollocoff:

Right, we're hoping. Right now we're going to be able to use the Town Realty lot on Green Bay Road and 93<sup>rd</sup> Street and bus into the site. And we're also going to charge for parking at RecPlex for that second half of the day and anywhere on the road and Terwall Terrace to get people in closer. But we should be able to handle anybody that buses in from that lot. We have 15 acres of grass parking so we can get quite a few people in that.

Rita Christiansen:

Then the people with disabilities we have special parking for them by the RecPlex?

Mike Pollocoff:

Right, they can come right in. Somebody who has a handicap sticker or needs to get in they can come right in. Or, they can call us if they have to park—we have handicap parking over also at Gateway at Lakeview Tech and we'll go over and get them.

Rita Christiansen:

Okay. I know in the past there's been some issues where people have paid for the parking and had to leave to go get someone and then couldn't get back in because their spot was taken. And just to think about how that would be handled again because logistically it's probably a nightmare.

Mike Pollocoff:

It is. We try to tell people it's in and out at your own risk. We had some people coming and keeping track of who's got a space and if there's an open space in there then we haven't found a clean way to do it. The place where you collect the money at H and Terwall Terrace is so far away from the parking area that—maybe what we need to do is

give them a written slip that says this is not an in and out pass, this is an in pass and if you leave we can't guarantee that you'll be able to get back in.

Rita Christiansen:

If the parking spots were numbered then you could give them a ticket that corresponds with that number but I'm not asking that you do that.

Mike Pollocoff:

And from a revenue standpoint that doesn't lead to more revenues. We're seeing a definite impact of some of the problems of the economy getting sponsored. We're probably about \$12,000 behind where we need to be right now. People that are sponsoring in the past are still sponsoring but at reduced amounts. And then we're having some people saying business isn't good and they can't sponsor.

Rita Christiansen:

And vendors, how are we doing for vendors?

Mike Pollocoff:

Right now we're at three.

Rita Christiansen:

We usually have a few more than that.

Mike Pollocoff:

They usually come towards the last. They'll kind of jockey to see who's going and where. People who want to volunteer for the event the Village will be running the soda booth again this year and we'll be running the corn booth as well as the information booth. We'd like to get as many volunteers as we can to help out with the event.

Rita Christiansen:

And also the softball tournaments are going on at that time, too?

Mike Pollocoff:

Softball and baseball.

Rita Christiansen:

So we have all that happening also.

Mike Pollocoff:

Baseball on the north side, the hard ball, and softball on the south side.

Rita Christiansen:

Did we get the parking worked out for the Danskin Triathlon? There was some concern from last year about the distance people had to go.

Mike Pollocoff:

Right now we've got an agreement with V.K. and we're going to use the parking on the grass fields at the V.K. development which is everything basically west of St. Catherine's. So it's a shorter area. The problem with the parking in these areas is if we get a lot of rain it ends up being a mud hole, but the problems with parking at Dairyland, although it's a great lot, we have a hard time getting a lot of people in there and then the transition from the race closing to the ladies getting their bikes back to the car it was a real drill. By using the V.K. area they can actually ride their bike down H and get it to the car. Then the buses will have a quicker turnaround and a shorter distance. And we'll be able to use that as long as that site is available. But parking for the big events is a challenge for us.

To be honest with you, the event has really outgrown our capacity to handle it. But we don't want to say no, and we keep looking for other ways to get it to work. If they were to have it in Chicago or Seattle they just say the race is here, you get here, we're not finding a parking place for you and you're on your own. So we've been trying to find a place for them because we haven't wanted them to scatter and be all over the place because they could close up the industrial park which is still working on Sundays. There's shipping coming in and out of there and there's not as many employees but there are still employees that go in and out of there and we can't have that all get locked up. So at some point we looked at being able to acquire some acreage next to the park or whatever to use for parking, but that's gotten to be really expensive dirt.

Rita Christiansen:

I didn't realize that other areas that held the triathlons told the participants to find their own way.

Mike Pollocoff:

We're one of the few sites where we provide parking for them.

Rita Christiansen:

Okay, good to know.

Mike Pollocoff:

And we're one of the few sites that doesn't pay. Most places are paying Danskin upwards of \$100,000 to have the event there. And Danskin is paying us for our expenses for having the event. They like it. I think it's a good venue for them.

Rita Christiansen:

That's all I have.

Michael Russert:

I have one additional question. In the past, if I remember right, the National Wakeboard Competition charged admission?

Mike Pollocoff:

Right.

Michael Russert:

So this year with it being Family Days are they also going to charge admission?

Mike Pollocoff:

They're not going to charge admission, but if you want to get into the premier area that they've set up which is going to be along the lake then you would have to pay to get in there. But if you just want to watch them—and that's kind of by the pits or where the racers are or the wakeboarders are there will be a charge to get into that. But to watch the race or be anywhere around it you can have a good view of it and you won't have to pay to get in.

Rita Christiansen:

So will that be clearly written out when you send out the advertisement for Prairie Family Days so you don't have that come back to us saying we did not know that, on the website perhaps or whatever documentation you send out?

Mike Pollocoff:

Right. Our graphics people are working on getting it all put together now so we can get that point out and make people understand that it's still a free event to get into the park and do everything, but if you want to be in the enclosed section to watch the wakeboarders along with that group there will be a charge for it.

Rita Christiansen:

Anybody else have anything?

Monica Yuhas:

I have one question for Mike. Prairie Family Days usually falls on the first weekend in August and now it's the second. Does that tie in because of the wakeboard competition?

Mike Pollocoff:

Right. We've been trying to get them for a couple years trying to get them to come to our weekend and they want us to go to theirs which I think was the third weekend in August, so we compromised and went to the second. And it's a little bit easier. Although the wakeboarders wasn't a lot of work for us, if we can consolidate some of these events it's easier on the park staff and the summer staff rather than having a weekend every week taken up by an event. If we can get some of the clustered up that helps. But it's the first time we've changed it.

Rita Christiansen:

Anything else? Do you need anything from us in regards to this, Mike?

Mike Pollocoff:

No. A motion to approve the calendar as presented.

Rita Christiansen:

I need a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Could I have a motion please?

**William Mills moved to approve the Revisions of Summer Activities on Lake Andrea as presented. Seconded by Monica Yuhas. Motion carried 5-0.**

## **6. PARK COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Rita Christiansen:

I have a comment. Glenn and I were visiting someone over at the Grand Prairie Nursing Facility and went by and saw the new park equipment. How exciting. And there were people playing on the park equipment. Have you been over there yet to see it? Pretty cool. Very colorful. I really like it.

Mike Pollocoff:

It turned out. It's bigger than I thought it would be. John and he had some kids from the Tremper High School Football Team put it together. They spent the weekend out there.

Glenn Christiansen:

Did they test it?

Mike Pollocoff:

They first dug the holes and got it a place to put it together and then they poured the concrete and got it set. A few pizzas and some good elbow grease from those guys and they got it put together. It was no sooner that we took the tape off of it than there were kids up on it. At night when the games were going the little kids from the families are all heading over there. They're working on getting a parking lot put in and getting that squared away.

Rita Christiansen:

Great job. Is there a way to get some type of certificate of appreciation for the guys from Tremper that worked on it?

Mike Pollocoff:

Yes. In fact, we are. I think that John ran something in to Jane to have the Village—we have a certificate that we hand out when somebody helps it out and sent it off to those guys.

Rita Christiansen:

I don't know about publicity but maybe a picture in the Village Newsletter?

Mike Pollocoff:

Sure.

Rita Christiansen:

That would be nice to give them that extra.

Mike Pollocoff:

We can do that in our next letter. Put it up on the website.

Rita Christiansen:

Absolutely.

William Mills:

It's a good idea.

Rita Christiansen:

They could have chosen to do a lot of other things and they chose to do this and we really appreciate their time.



Mike Pollocoff:

Having a lot of guys there helped.

Rita Christiansen:

That's great. Tell John thanks for coordinating all that. Any other comments?

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Glenn Christiansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by William Mills. Motion carried 5-0.**