

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE
PARKS COMMISSION
Village Hall Auditorium
9915 39th Avenue
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158
Tuesday, July 1, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Parks Commission was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2008, 6:00 p.m. Present were Michaeline Day, Rita Christiansen, Glenn Christiansen, Kathleen Burns, William Mills and Monica Yuhas. Michael Russert was absent. Also present were John Steinbrink, Jr., Superintendent of Streets and Ruth Mack, Clerical Secretary.

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

Michaeline Day:

In your packet you have your minutes of June 3. If you have read your minutes can I entertain a motion to accept?

Monica Yuhas moved to approve the Parks Commission Meeting minutes of the June 3, 2008 meeting presented in their written form: Seconded by Rita Christiansen. Motion carried 6-0.

- 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Present and Discuss Veterans Memorial Interview.**

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Ms. Day and members of the Parks Commission, we did an interview with Don and Nora Orrick. They're both Village of Pleasant Prairie residents. They had purchased quite a few bricks, I believe 18 bricks for the Veterans Memorial based on family members and friends that they have in the service past and present. So we actually did a little interview with them, and it was played on Channel 25. If it's okay, I'd like to take a couple minutes and view the video with you guys. It's probably a 15 or 16 minute video. It might take a little bit of time, but if that's okay I'd like to play that video to show you a

little bit about this family and why they're doing the bricks. So we are going to attempt new technology here. I shouldn't say we. I should say Ruth is going to attempt the new technology and watch this video. It is pretty moving or interesting once you watch it. It might be a little something at the Veterans Memorial celebration that we're doing on November 9th.

(Video Played)

Michaeline Day:

John, when was that interview? I know you said it was played on Channel 25.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

About four weeks ago, four weeks back. The Parks Commission spends a lot of time doing a lot of planning and reviewing plans like we did with the Park and Open Space Plan. We spent a lot of time doing revisions on the Veterans Memorial. At the time when you're doing it and building it it's just bricks, concrete and flags, but when you put it all together it's really something, it really does have a lot of meaning. We thought it would be important to show you some of the fruits of what you guys have accomplished. Sometimes it's kind of nice to see.

Michaeline Day:

Thank you very much for sharing. I for one don't have cable or get Channel 25 so I was glad I got to view it. Thank you.

b. Review and Approve Date and Time for 2008 Pleasant Prairie Veterans Memorial Ceremony.

Michaeline Day:

John, did you want to go over that?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, we are having our second annual Pleasant Prairie Veterans Day ceremony, and we're proposing to have it on Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. We've been in contact with Kenosha County to make sure that we fit in the right time frame in their circuit. They might start out in Twin Lakes and then Bristol, Silver Lake and then end up in Pleasant Prairie and Kenosha. They travel around the County, everyone that ends up attending these. This time fits well into the schedule. If it's okay with the Parks Commission we'd like to have this to be our official time so we can publish it so people can plan to attend it.

Michaeline Day:

On the following page we also have November 11th. Are we actually doing two?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I apologize. We actually copied the slide from last year. It's just a reference. This is what we did on our inaugural Veterans Day ceremony November 11, 2007. Now we're in the 1:30 time slot. I guess the purpose of having this was to show the Parks Commission or take in any recommendations you might have on the agenda for that day.

Michaeline Day:

Basically what we're seeing here is pretty much it unless we have other ideas. This is what we would like to do on the 9th.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Correct, the proposed agenda based off the last year.

Michaeline Day:

Anybody have any comments? It looks like it's pretty remarkable as it is.

Rita Christiansen:

Glenn and I attended the ceremony. I don't know if anybody else on the Commission was able to attend. It was very well received and very well done. I'm quite content with the ceremony the way it's set up and the time of 1:30 on November 9th.

Michaeline Day:

Can we have a motion then to accept?

Rita Christiansen moved to accept the date of Sunday, November 9 at 1:30 p.m. for the Veterans Memorial Ceremony: Seconded by William Mills. Motion carried 6-0.

William Mills:

How many bricks have actually been purchased?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I believe we're at about 102 bricks right now.

William Mills:

How many bricks does it support?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think it's well over 600 bricks and there is some room for expansion if we go over that 600 number. The memorial was designed if we need to make it a little bit broader and add some more bricks. The Orrick's are even contemplating purchasing a bench also for the memorial ceremony. They're very dedicated. After watching that video it is a pretty moving video because they're not just bricks and flags. It's something where they're bringing a part of their family altogether in one location and that location happens to be Pleasant Prairie. It's pretty exciting to be a part of that.

6. PARKS COMMISSION COMMENTS

Rita Christiansen:

I have one. I received the Village paper, and I wanted to acknowledge on the front of it the high school football team builds playground in Pleasant Prairie Park. Thank you so much for doing this. I think it's really critical to the future of the Village and getting young people involved. I appreciate you taking the time to work with them.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Thank you very much. The kids really had a lot of fun building it. It was exciting that a lot of these friends are my son's age and we'd be riding around and they'd see some kids playing on the playground and they're like we had a part on building that. That's going to be there forever hopefully. The kids really take a lot of pride in that. We are going to put in the budget for 2009 to construct the playground on the north side of Prairie Springs Park where we just built the four ball diamonds. Hopefully we can get that same group back.

Michaeline Day:

That would be terrific.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It would be great. It was a really good experience for the kids. We really did appreciate their help. I think we had about 20 high school kids there. It was really nice to have their muscle and beef to move the big slides and pour the concrete and dig the holes. It was

really a lot of fun to do.

William Mills:

I can tell you my youngest son loves that we have baseball practice over there on Tuesday nights. Now it's a great playground. I think it's a great idea to build the next one up by those ball diamonds just because of the fact there's so much activity and people are there that it makes a lot of sense to build the next one there.

Kathleen Burns:

Maybe you could interview the kids that built it like you did the Orricks.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That's really not a bad idea.

Kathleen Burns:

See how that made them feel. Service learning is just critical to kids. The school might like to see that, too. That might be a real nice community—

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That's definitely something we can do. I do have contact with a lot of those kids so I'll see if I can coordinate that with the staff at Channel 25.

William Mills:

That's a great idea.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Kathleen Burns moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Michael Russert. Motion carried 6-0.

Michaeline Day:

Motion carries. Thank you.