

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE
PARKS COMMISSION
Village Hall Auditorium
9915 39th Avenue
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158
September 3, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Parks Commission was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 6:00 p.m. Present were Michaeline Day, Rita Christiansen, Glenn Christiansen, Kathleen Burns and Monica Yuhas. Michael Russert and William Mills were excused. Also present were John Steinbrink, Jr., Superintendent of Streets and Vesna Savic, Executive Secretary.

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

Michaeline Day:

The attachment actually in our package was actually the June meeting.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That's my mistake. I apologize. I must have sent out the wrong meeting minutes with Ruth being gone.

Kathleen Burns:

Wasn't July cancelled?

Michaeline Day:

No, we haven't missed two meetings.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I will make sure that the meeting minutes for July and September are both on the October agenda.

Michaeline Day:

We already approved June from the last meeting so we'll just skip that line item then until next month since we can't approve it.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discuss Revision of Summer Activities on Lake Andrea.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Every year the Parks Commission approves the summer events that are held in Lake Andrea. Since the date of the last approval in June, there's been a new request for 2008. The Board Shop located out in Lake Geneva would like to host a second small local wakeboard tournament on September 7th. The event would draw 20 to 25 participants and be held behind Common Grounds. The area that we're actually looking at closing off for the wakeboard tournament is primarily between Lake Andrea Plaza and probably the IcePlex parking lot, probably out about 100 or 150 yards.

We would not have to close down the lake. It still would be open for any fishing events or anything like that. It's a much smaller, localized event than the event that we hosted during Prairie Family Days. It's very similar to the event that they had on June 21st. The Beach and Froggie's Landing are actually closed by September 7th so that should not be an issue. And the event has always been well organized and well staffed, and staff does recommend approval of this event for September 7th on Lake Andrea.

Michaeline Day:

Any questions? Can I entertain a motion to accept?

Rita Christiansen moved to accept the summer activity add-on for September 7: Seconded by Monica Yuhás. Motion carried 5-0.

6. PARKS COMMISSION COMMENTS

Glenn Christiansen:

We visited the bridge work over the weekend, and I see you are progressing along. When do you think you'll be decked across the river, any idea?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I just spoke with Cole Marshall who is the head teacher for the construction management group at Tremper that is taking care of the volunteers. They plan on starting ASAP. We're they're number one project on the docket for this school year, so they plan on working from now until the end of the semester or until it gets too cold to work, probably until sometime around mid-December. Hopefully by Christmas time we should have the entire decking put on all the way across, and the public works crews will have to make the earthen ramp that leads up to it. Then it should be pretty much accessible by the time the water recedes next spring.

Glenn Christiansen:

All the pilings I take it are in?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

All the pilings are in right now that are part of this grant cycle for construction. There's a 45 foot span across the Des Plaines River itself, and then we go about 120 feet to the north end, so about 240 feet of elevated board walk is what we're constructing right now.

Glenn Christiansen:

Okay, we visited it.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Then hopefully in a future grant cycle we'll be able to extend that a little bit more to the north. We need to go about another 180 feet to actually get out of the area that's really, really wet.

Glenn Christiansen:

That's what I was wondering because that was kind of obvious that it's pretty wet down there.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We're just happy to be awarded the grant money that we did at least to start the project. It's an ongoing project. We're hoping within a couple years to have it complete.

Glenn Christiansen:

Great, looks good.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Thank you.

Michaeline Day:

Any other comments? Thank you very much.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Monica Yugas moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Glenn Christiansen. Motion carried 5-0.

Michaeline Day:

Thank you very much for coming out this evening.