

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF OAK CREEK PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Commissioner Theys called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

The following members were present at roll call: Secretary Beyer, Alderman Guzikowski, Commissioner Bautch, Commissioner Theys, Commissioner Thiel, and Commissioner Druckrey. Secretary Beyer

Also present: Zoning Administrator Laurie Miller, Parks Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Wendt, City Administrator Andrew Vickers, and Community Development Director Doug Seymour.

Chair Schreiber-Johnson and School and School District Representative Krist were excused.

2. Approval of Minutes – December 16, 2021

Commissioner Druckrey referred to page 4 that she did not suggest to create a sub-committee and stated that it was suggested by Secretary Beyer.

Commissioner Druckrey moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting. Alderman Guzikowski seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

3. Old Business

a) Amendment of Athletic Field Rental Policy language to allow for neighborhood parks to be used for games and other long-term ongoing activities.

Zoning Administrator Miller provided an overview of the proposal (see staff report for details) and suggested to hold the item until all Aldermen had responded to proposal.

Commissioner Bautch asked if we had notes about pricing and maintenance cost. Commissioner Druckrey said that is the next step and liked the idea of holding the item since the meeting is short on attendees and that would give the last Alderman time respond.

Alderman Guzikowski makes a motion to hold until the next meeting in March. Commissioner Druckrey seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

4. New Business

a) Information only – Guest Speaker, Andrew Vickers to discuss the role of Parks and Recreation Commission and upcoming projects.

City Administrator Vickers provided an overview about the role of Parks and Recreation Commission and the ordinances changes. City Administrator Vickers explained the meaning of #5 under the Section, Powers and Duties and stated that the Commission will be more involved on the Capital Improvement budgeting process for parks and its maintenance, which could start in June.

City Administrator Vickers provided some insight on things the upcoming projects that the Commission will be involved in.

- Pocket park for Orchard Hills subdivision
- Lakeshore Commons Traditional Neighborhood
- Involve in the Abendschein Pavilion design and potential vendor for the biergarten and what to do when there is no vendor in place
- The potential use of neighborhood parks for game/tournament and the capital improvement for this use
- Partner with the school district recreation program on a community survey on the types of recreation activities and programs the community would like to see which may take place in the fall of 2022.
- Work forward on creating a park in the area of Amazon.
- As part of the Strategic Plan, create a space in the area south of Ikea to provide a unique entertainment. Originally planned for a traditional suburban shopping area but since Covid, the retail aspect has been shifted. The idea now is to create an attractive destination which could include some retail and some sort of entertainment for families and adults and will be working with Northwestern Mutual.
- The creation of the "community use space" in conjunction with UW Credit Union.

City Administrator Vickers went into the area along the lakefront and stated that the City has been working with a developer to create a traditional single-family subdivision on the private properties south of Bender Park. Then alongside Lake Vista Park is the Lakeshore Commons and its public amenities, which Community Director Seymour will explain in the next item.

Attendee asked about the golf course that was slated for the area. Community Director Seymour said that was a long time ago with Milwaukee County and does not seem to be happening.

City Administrator Vickers continued to the property north of Lake Vista Park and stated that it is being remediated and cleaned up. The City will be acquiring 46 acres along the lakefront in the next few weeks and went into the background about the property. City Administrator Vickers stated the 23 acres along the lakefront, labeled as the "north bluff", is severely contaminated and the bluff is failing. He went into details on the TID district and money transfer that would help to save the bluff, decontaminate the area and create the area to become the waterfront. In the end, City Administrator Vickers is letting the Commission know that they can be as creative and imaginative in creating this area.

Commissioner Theys questioned about the contamination and Community Director Seymour explained the type contamination and what needs to be done to get the property cleaned up.

Commissioner Druckrey questioned about the possibility of any other development in the area. Community Director Seymour stated there could be interest from other developers once the Lakeshore Commons is established.

Commissioner Druckrey questioned about the rumor of a destination restaurant in the area when the plan for Lake Vista was in the works. Community Developer Seymour stated that the location is not buildable because it is part of the environmental corridor in Lake Vista Park.

City Administrator Vickers stated that owning this property, the City can control what can be done with the area and can take our time planning and creating.

This item was informational only and a vote was not required.

b) Proposal for Consideration – Guest Speaker Doug Seymour to discuss proposed park amenities at Lake Shore Commons (4th Aldermanic District)

Community Director Seymour provided an overview of the Lake Shore Commons and its development. Since the development will have limited private space, there will be lots of public space for amenities, the community can enjoy. Community Director Seymour stated that the Commission can provide input on the amenities the City can be involved in.

Someone asked if the development will be open to the public. Community Director Seymour stated that it will be except the clubhouse and the pool.

Commissioner Bautch asked about parking. Community Director Seymour stated that there are a lot of street parking and the small parking lot and the use of the parking in Lake Vista Park is available.

Commissioner Druckrey asked where did the idea of Lakeshore Commons originate. Community Director Seymour stated that seeing how the developers took over the lakefront in the City of St. Francis and did not want that to happen in City of Oak Creek.

Commissioner Beyer stated that there could be a survey on what people look for in this type of setting. Community Director Seymour said that has been done and found that there a market for this type of development. People want to enjoy doing activities and not spending time doing property maintenance.

Commissioner Druckrey commented that if the City create this and invest funds, would the community really benefit from this.

Commissioner commented that the development is already happening and reiterated that the developer already has the area planned out unless the Commission steps in and say that we want to be involved. Alderman Guzikowski stated that the developer asked the City to be a partner in developing and coming up with ideas of amenities for the development.

Commissioner Beyer asked who owns the area and who will be maintaining it. Community Director Seymour stated that it is a combination of both. The stormwater detention area will be owned and maintained by the City. The recreational complex will be owned by the development. The amenities can be decided by the Commission.

Commissioner Beyer asked how big the population will be. Community Director Seymour answered that it could be over a 1,000 people. Commissioner stated that if the City will be maintaining the area and the availability of parking will be an issue if there is going to be that

many people. Zoning Administrator Miller stated that an example is that the amphitheater is far from parking and if you park in Lake Vista, it would be a little bit of a walk. Community Director Seymour stated that could be an investment to create a better amphitheater.

Commissioner Theys stated that he like the amenities but would like easier access.

Commissioner Beyer wondered about investment comparison with other parks in the community and the population it will serve. Community Director Seymour stated that it will be more like a community park rather than your neighborhood park.

City Administrator Vickers asked if the amenities or any other amenities that were appealing to the Commission or if there were any changes that could be made. Recognizes that the amphitheater could be relocated or situated better and that is up for discussion and asked what could be done in the middle area with the pickle ball.

Discussion on the other amenities in the development. Some felt that the public amenities could be separated from the private amenities or clearly state the use so that it does not confuse people. It was said that the community garden would be appropriate for the residents. Community Director Seymour stated that there is no interest from the developer in having the pool to the public.

Community Director Seymour pointed out the map indicating the amenities the City is interested in maintaining. Commissioner Druckrey asked what kind of maintenance would the City be doing. Community Director Seymour stated that the maintenance would be grass mowing, trimming, mulch, and etc.

Commissioner Druckrey suggested having neighborhood association. City Administrator Vickers stated the purpose having this conversation with the Commission is to decide who will be responsible for what amenities. Commissioner Druckrey felt that the amenities are nice but thought since the residents will be paying for it and would most likely the primary users of it.

There was discussion about the amphitheater, if it should be centrally located where the public has better access to it or located somewhere else in the City.

This item was informational only and a vote was not required.

c) Amendment to Section 12.02 of the Municipal Code regarding the Operation of Remote or Radio-controlled toys or devices.

Zoning Administrator Miller provided an overview and background of the Code (see staff report for details).

Community Director Seymour stated that the drones are not allowed to be flown anywhere in the City.

Zoning Administrator Miller read a statement from Alderman Kurkowski.

Discussion about whether it should be changed. Commissioner suggested to have a possible designated area or park because some people may not want to hear it all the time if they live

next to a park. It was mentioned an area by Abendschein Park and maybe more research can be done to see if it is a possibility to have it there rather than prohibiting the operation.

Commissioner Bautch makes a motion to hold. Commissioner Theys seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

d) Proposal for Consideration – Abendschein Biergarten final Design review (1st Aldermanic District)

Zoning Administrator Miller provided an overview of the preliminary design (see staff report for details).

Commissioner brought up the driveway coming into the parking lot and felt that it will cause more congestion and suggested to have a one way in and another way out.

Alderman Guzikowski mentioned that the building can be used during the off season.

Zoning Administrator Miller stated that the design will be presented to the Plan Commission on February 28, 2022. Commissioner asked that a vendor is set in stone and Zoning Administrator said that it is unknown yet.

This item was informational only and a vote was not required.

e) Proposal for Consideration – Orchard Hills Micro Park Project Site Review (2nd Aldermanic District)

Zoning Administrator Miller provided an overview of the preliminary design and layout (see staff report for details).

Commissioner asked about what kind of platform will be made from. It will be rubber and that is the major cost of the design.

Commissioner asked to have swings. It was said that swings and zip lines are too big and that area is really small to have both of those things. Conversations about the adult workout areas and the green space. Discussions on pairing down the play structure and limiting number of slides.

This item was informational only and a vote was not required.

f) Recommendation on the installation of security cameras around the Abendschein Park Skate Park (1st Aldermanic District)

Zoning Administrator Miller provided an overview (see staff report for details).

There was a question about putting up signs and it could be a possibility.

Community Director Seymour suggested to talk to Human Resource of a CVMIC grant that could towards this.

Someone wondered if there were damages at any other parks and what makes this a priority. It was said that Abendschein Park is more secluded whereas in neighborhood parks there are street lights and homes nearby.

Alderman Guzikowski moved to approve the installation of security cameras at Abendschein Skate Park. Commissioner Bautch seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

g) Informational Item – Status Updates

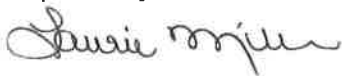
- Athletics Pavilion and Rental Policy was approved by the Common Council.
- Park fees were approved.
- Willow Heights volleyball project was presented to the Board of Public Works and Capital Assets and decided to hold until March 8th meeting so that Alderman Guzikowski can present it.
- Ryan Road Business Park will be on hold until some things are figured out.
- There is a possibility of a meeting in March. Discussions were made about meeting once a month and switching the day to Wednesdays.

This item was informational only and a vote was not required.

5. Adjournment

Commissioner Druckrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Beyer seconded. All voted aye.

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Respectfully Submitted,



Anne Beyer
OCPRF Secretary