



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting as indicated on the date, time and location given below.

Meeting of the:
Date /Time:
Location:
Members:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON
Wednesday, August 1, 2012 @ 6:00
Hall of Fame Room/City Hall (381 E Main St, Stoughton WI 53589)
Eric Olstad, Greg Jenson, Tim Swadley, Paul Lawrence, Donna Olson

CC:

Attorney Matt Dregne, Department Heads, Stoughton Newspapers,
Pili Hougan, Tamara Bader-Fleres, Debbie Blaney, Debbie Myren, Sean Brusegar,
oregonobserver@wcinet.com, Council Members

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Item #	CALL TO ORDER
1	Communications

Item #	OLD BUSINESS
2	Division Street Park Lot Line
3	Park Facilities Use
4	Parks and Open Space Plan

Item #	NEW BUSINESS
5	Approval of the July 18, 2012 Minutes
6	Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012
Hall of Fame Room



Present: Alderpersons: Tim Swadley, Eric Olstad, Paul Lawrence and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch
Absent and Excused: Greg Jenson
Guests: Sean Brusegar, David Kneebone

Call to Order

By Swadley at 6:00 PM

1. Communications

None

Old Business

2. Youth Center Update

Youth Center kids have been busy working at the Community Garden plot. A new volunteer program with Skaalen Home is in the works. This program consists of getting job training with tasks such as taking residents for walks. Greg is developing a program to recycle batteries as a business experience. Greg is meeting with possible granters for funds to complete the new computer lab in the basement room. This is collaboration between Cummins, the Schools, the Library and the Youth Center. Attendance for June: 302 Lowest month this year but normal for June. Golf outing is being planned for September. Liz Janowski is leaving the Youth Center for a full-time position.

3. Troll Beach Update

Pool attendance as of July 17: 8,834
Pool revenues as of July 17: \$23,630 (Budget \$21,000)

Stoughton Utilities Event next Thursday, July 26 3-7 PM. They are providing free swimming and food for Utility users from 3-7 PM.

All testing has been within the limits for beaches.

New Business

4. Weeds in Parks

Streets and Parks Maintenance are submitting a BFO offer to treat weeds and fertilize in all parks next year. The estimated cost is \$5000. Staff labor and equipment would be used. This would provide two applications for weeds in all parks for one year.

5. Parks Facilities Use

Swadley proposed a meeting with the schools to discuss overall facilities use. The school has a need for a soccer field. Lynch felt he had a handle on what the current sports groups needed for facilities. Lynch will contact Mel Dow, with the schools about the next step towards a meeting.

6. Division St. Park Lot Line

Daniel Spransy of 100 S. Division bought the house next to Division St. Park 3.5 years ago. He replaced the fence and put up a small building in an area that he thought was his property but actually was plotted as park land. He would like to purchase the land from the City.

Lynch was asked by the Planning Department to have this committee decide if the land that appeared to be his (by a long standing fence), was important to the park system.

Lynch felt the parks would benefit more from the sale of the land than by having the 14 feet adjacent to Spansey's house. He felt the money could be used for a riverbank restoration project there and that the land has never been considered parkland since he has been with the City.

Lawrence was opposed to giving up the land feeling that dedicated land needed to stay as part of the City.

Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Olstad to recommend to Finance to reject the sale of the requested parkland to Dan Spransy. Motion passed 3-0.

7. BFO Offers

Lynch talked about the four offers coming from his department. The pool offer provides more at a reduced cost to the City while the other offer increase slightly due to the proposed wage increase. The committee asked when they would be able to see the offers.

8. Parks and Open Space Plan

The committee talked about options with the update of the Parks and Open Space Plan. This plan needs to be updated every 5 years to be eligible for state and federal grants. It is also a guide for short term future decisions in park development and facility usage.

Motion by Olstad, seconded by Lawrence to direct staff to bring back Parks and Open Space Plan examples from comparable communities. Motion passed 3-0.

9. Future Agenda Items

BFO Update
Parks and Open Space Plan
Facilities Discussion

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM by Lawrence, seconded by Olstad. Motion passed 3-0.

From: Michael Stacey
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 2:08 PM
To: 'Dan Spransy'; Donna Olson
Subject: RE: 100 S Division St

I have attached a copy of the survey.

Dan – please note, you will need more than 13 feet to bring your fence into compliance. The fence needs to be 6 inches from the side lot line.

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From: Dan Spransy [<mailto:dan@cooper-spransy.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 2:05 PM
To: Donna Olson
Cc: Michael Stacey
Subject: RE: 100 S Division St

Thank you very much. In the meantime I will get you a copy of the survey I had done, should be tomorrow.

Thanks again.

Dan Spransy

From: dolson@ci.stoughton.wi.us [<mailto:dolson@ci.stoughton.wi.us>]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 1:53 PM
To: dan@cooper-spransy.com
Subject: RE: 100 S Division St

Good Afternoon Dan,
I will need to make some inquiries here to determine the appropriate committee(s) to review your request and get back to you.

donna

From: Dan Spransy [<mailto:dan@cooper-spransy.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 1:31 PM
To: Donna Olson
Subject: 100 S Division St

Mayor Olson,

My name is Daniel Spransy at 100 S Division St in Stoughton. When we bought this house 3.5 years ago there was a very run down fence on the property that we ended up replacing last summer. Michael Stacey and I have been working together to make sure we know if the fence is for sure on our lot as even though the fence was in the same spot when we bought the house, he wants to make sure it is on our lot. I could not find the lot lines, so this spring I ended up hiring a surveyor to figure out where the lot lines are. We were quite surprised at our findings as the fence extends about 13 feet in to Division St park. This means that not only is my fence in the park 13', but my shed and chicken coupe are also in the park. When we bought this house it was extremely run down and overgrown. We have put a tremendous amount of work in to the yard cleaning it up including removing 2 trees that were technically in the park as we now know. One of those trees had died and fell on my house, the other fell in a wind storm and destroyed my old chicken coupe and part of my new fence. We have put a lot of time and money in to our yard, specifically that strip that we now know is owned by the city. We also had plans this summer to clean up the bushes next to our house and landscape around them with hostas. We have put that on hold now that we know it is in the park, but the city has not maintained any of that since we moved in. We had to clean that area up as well, trim the bushes down, rake out a tremendous amount of old leaves and branches etc to get it looking somewhat presentable.

I would love the opportunity to be able to purchase this 13' x 132' section so that there is no remaining question on who should maintain it, and I can leave the fence and shed/chicken coupe where it is. As I have already put quite a bit of money in to the lot, I would like to offer \$1,000 plus I will pay for the surveying fees and any other fees associated with the transaction.

I can have the survey to you by tomorrow, please let me know if there is anything else you need from me. I have included a few before pictures for you to see what it used to look like. We continue to work on the house but with 3 kids and such an immense amount of work it is a gradual project. Thank you for considering this.

Dan Spransy
608-217-3767

