

**JOINT PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019

A meeting of the Joint Park and Recreation Committee / Board was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairperson Hauser in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

**Roll Call:** Members Ald. Hauser, Ald. Hayes, Ald. Avenson, Municipal Services Director Mike Barker, Marilyn Kleist, Randy Morrow, City Administrator Josh VanLieshout and Municipal Services Secretary Lynnae Kolden were present.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Ald. Avenson, seconded by Randy Morrow.

1. Roll call
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Public comment on agenda and non-agenda items
4. Approval of minutes from Dec. 12, 2018
5. Staff report
7. Consideration of: Biking trail at Big Hill Park
8. Consideration of: Pickle ball court
9. Consideration of: Transient boating signage request
10. Consideration of: Creation of taskforce on City beaches
11. Update: Peil property
12. Update: Little Lake
13. Future agenda items
14. Adjourn

All in Favor. Carried.

**Public Comment:** Gary Nault, 711 Hickory St. asked about the Ad Hoc Committee for the City beaches vs. a taskforce.

**Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2018:** Moved by Marilyn Kleist, seconded by Ald. Avenson. All in favor. Carried.

**Staff Report:** Mike Barker reported that the Parks Department is currently advertising for seasonal summer positions. He mentioned that St. John Bosco School is running the ice rink a few days a week as a fundraiser for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. The City received a grant for trees to be replaced at Sunset Park, 61 trees have been ordered. Mr. Barker also attended the WI Coastal Management meeting in Madison. Mike gave a presentation for a grant to help repair the fishing dock by Sonny's.

**Consideration of: Biking trail at Big Hill Park:** Randy Sahs – 6445 Sturgeon Bay Rd. gave a Power Point presentation for the Door County Silent Sports Alliance (DCSSA) on biking trails at Big Hill Park. Currently there are insufficient rustic trails in Door County, as a destination for the mountain bikes, fat tire bikes, walkers & runners. No motorized vehicles would be allowed. The trail would be supported by the DCSSA by volunteers, with trail creation, maintenance and signage. This trail would be a rustic trail, meaning the group would create the trail with rakes, leaf blowers, shovels & hoes if needed. This location was chosen due to the central location, kids can get there without using busy streets and it is an underutilized park. The park would also allow for a sports wheelchair trail area. If this was approved the DCSSA would ask for assistance with the crushed gravel and possible equipment for that section of trail. Randy Morrow thanked the DCSSA for the options of the trails and bringing it up with no real cost to the City. Ald. Avenson made a motion to Recommend to Council: to allow the DCSSA to move forward with the Big Hill Park trail system as discussed in the presentation, with the condition they maintain trails and provide signage, along with getting any permits needed. Ald. Hayes seconded. Discussion continued. Randy Morrow amended the motion to include that the DCSSA work with Mike Barker on the trail map for the presentation to City Council. Ald. Hayes seconded. All in favor. Carried.

**Consideration of: Pickle ball court:** Mike Barker provided background on the lines for Pickle ball painted at Otumba Park last summer. The pickle ball club does bring their own nets to play at Otumba Park. Claire Morkin 110 N. Joliet spoke regarding the excessive noise of pickle ball at Otumba Park. Randy Morrow stated that we had ideas already to move pickle ball to Sunset. Mike Barker stated that the requested upgrades for pickle ball courts at Sunset Park didn't get into this year's budget. There are lines on the tennis courts at Sunset Park for Pickle ball. They do use the tennis nets, which are not the correct height for pickle ball. Ald. Hauser would like to move pickle ball to Sunset Park this year and not have them at Otumba Park. Ald. Avenson felt that it is a park and we can't pick what happens. She understands the noise, but also understands that pickle ball is a growing sport and that people want to play when they come to town. Ald. Hayes made a motion to set pickle ball nets & lines at Sunset Park and remove them from

Otumba Park. Discussion continued. Helan Bacon County Board District 7, stated the County is also looking into pickle ball courts. The County's research came up with the cost ranging from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 for pickle ball court, and a tournament court would be about \$60,000.00. Helan suggested the County and the City could maybe work together for pickle ball courts. Mentioned that Ben Nelson & Ken Pabich would be the County contacts to start with. Randy Morrow stated he liked the idea of the County and City working together on a plan, instead of throwing a band aid on the situation. Ald. Hauser called for the motion on the floor. No second, motion failed.

Ald. Avenson made a motion to direct staff to make contact with Ben Nelson & Ken Pabich at the County to discuss possible future pickle ball courts. Seconded by Randy Morrow. All in favor. Carried.

Ald. Hauser made a motion to not allow pickle ball at Otumba Park this summer and to come up with a solution for 2020. Ald. Avenson seconded. Discussion continued on the removal of pickle ball at Otumba Park. Josh VanLieshout explained the difficulties in enforcing no pickle ball at Otumba Park. Ald. Hauser, called for the motion on the floor. Opposed 0-5. Motion failed.

**Consideration of: Transient boating signage request:** Ald. Hauser stated this request came from the Harbor Commission. Mike Barker spoke in regards to adding transient signage. He stated that Sturgeon Bay has great areas for boaters to tie up to for free, but no one seems to know where they are. These signs would be on the pier face where the boaters can see them.

Ald. Hauser made a motion to approve up to 10 signs as needed to identify transient dockage. Ald. Avenson seconded. Discussion took place on the City marina in front of Stone Harbor, and if there are spots in there for transient dockage. Mike Barker advised that the City marina is all seasonal slips and no transient dockage is at that location. Gary Nault spoke on the need and usage of transient docks. Ald. Hauser called for the motion on the floor. All in favor. Carried.

**Consideration of: Creation of taskforce on City beaches:** The discussion took place regarding the differences between an Ad Hoc Committee vs. a taskforce. The conclusion is they are the same other than the name. Ald. Hauser gave the background on why the taskforce is needed, goals and timing. Randy Morrow is willing to take on the taskforce, but is not sure that the timing is realistic to have things ready by July for the 2020 budget planning. Randy was also wondering who can sit on the taskforce and if they need to be a resident of the City. Josh VanLieshout, stated that you could have 20% non-resident. Ald. Avenson made a motion to create a taskforce on City Beaches with no more than 20% of those members being non-residents of the City. Ald. Hayes seconded. All in favor. Carried.

**Update: Peil property:** Ald. Hauser gave a background on the property. There is a group meeting March 11<sup>th</sup>, comprised of Door County Land Trust, DCMC Hospital, a couple of landscapers and architects, to see what a partnership would look like. After that meeting Ald. Hauser will bring back any information on the property, to the Park and Recreation Committee.

**Update: Little Lake:** Josh VanLieshout spoke on the updated Sunset Park Master Plan from FOTH, which includes Little Lake. The committee was asked to review the options in the Sunset Park Master Plan and call Josh or Mike Barker with any questions. The committee requested color copies.

**Future agenda items:** Transient boating slips  
Sunset Park Master Plan

**Next Meeting date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 @ 5:30pm.**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ald. Avenson, seconded by Ald. Hayes. All in favor. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnae Kolden  
Municipal Services Secretary