

Monroe Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2017

Brian Saugstad called the meeting to order.

A. Roll Call

Present were Brian Saugstad, Barb Moser, Barb Gelbach, Monica Schneider, Kelly Brunton, Emily Bartels, Eric Losenegger and Jeff Newcomer. Also present were Joe O'Leksy, Mayor Armstrong, Paul Klinzing and Marge Klinzing.

B. Approval of minutes from the last meeting.

Meeting minutes from November 16, 2016 were approved. Monica Schneider made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Jeff Newcomer. Motion carried.

C. Business by Public/Press

Joe O'Leksy came to the board asking to honor Dale Buvid. Dale had 505 career wins during his 33 years as head coach for the Monroe High School softball team. There are only three coaches in Wisconsin that have had that many wins. Joe would like to honor him by naming Twining East field and/or having a flag pole and plaque in his honor. He mentioned the flag pole could be by the batting cage or behind left center field between the two fields. It was suggested to have the field named by having a board with his name on it above the scoreboard on the Twining East field. Joe said he would go to the Booster Club and other service organizations for funding. He would also solicit funding through the softball teams' Facebook page. Monica Schneider made a motion to approve the concept and for Joe to seek donations for the projects and report back to the Board. Seconded by Kelly Brunton. Motion carried.

Mayor Armstrong would like approval to proceed with the development of a natural area on the city owned property north of Twining Park between the Park Place subdivision and the YMCA. A nature trail would be developed for people to access the property. He asked the Parks Department to aid in the maintenance of the 14 acre area. He submitted a tentative timeline, spanning over a year, with trail development, brushing and possible seeding and flower planting. Mayor Armstrong discussed the feasibility of this project with Director of Public Works Al Gerber regarding any concerns with wetlands and discussed zoning with Building/Zoning Inspector Ryan Lindsey. Neither stated any issues with the concept. His goal is to enhance the area so it can be used by the public. The Mayor added that no funds were budgeted for this project this year. Herbicide would be one of the costs in order to begin, estimated at \$200-\$600. Planting native seedlings, trees and grasses would be a one-time cost of \$1,000 to \$3,000. Mayor Armstrong will be requesting funds from the Monroe Fund to help with these costs through their grant application. A few of the Board members suggested contacting some boy scouts to do an Eagle Scout project. Park Board would have to set up rules for the park, and parking could be along the road by the subdivision or by the Twining North shelter parking lot. Jeff Newcomer did ask Paul if he supported the project and Paul said he did.

Motion made by Barb Gelbach and seconded by Jeff Newcomer to approve the concept of developing this property as discussed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Eric Losenegger and seconded by Jeff Newcomer to accept the proposal from Krueger Pyrotechnics for July 4th fireworks display. Motion carried. Paul said to secure the July 4th date, half of the contract, \$8,000, needs to be sent in to them.

Motion made by Monica Schneider and seconded by Kelly Brunton to approve a special event of the Kiwanis Disc golf & Pickleball Tournament on May 13 at Twining Park. Motion carried.

Motion made by Monica Schneider and seconded by Emily Bartels to approve the Crossroad special event at Twining Park on Saturday, June 17th. Motion carried.

The Rebel soccer organization has not decided on a date for their tournament in Twining Park so that was tabled until the next meeting or when we get more information.

D. Recreation Director's Report

Marge reported on the new programs for the summer, changes to the old programs, updates on the current programs, summer seasonal jobs online, securing sponsors for the brochure, working hard and fast on the brochure with a deadline of Feb 9th to the Monroe Times. The Kiwanis Club will be featured on the back of the brochure this year. She will be featuring a service organization or a different business each year.

E. Park Director Report

Paul gave an update on the Twining South shelter and submitted his forestry report.

F. Board Members Comments

G. Adjournment

Motion made by Emily Bartels and seconded by Kelli Brunton to adjourn. Motion carried.