

MINUTES – HULL PARKS COMMISSION  
Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.



TOWN OF HULL MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
4550 WOJCIK MEMORIAL DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54482



- 1) **Call to order:** The meeting of the Hull Parks Commission was called to order on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. by Parks Chairperson Dave Wilz at the Hull Municipal Building, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54482.

Present: Chair: Dave Wilz, Committee: Mike O’Keefe, Brian Hicks, Jim Mendyke, Maurice Stoltz, Roland Schroeder, Parks Secretary: Patty Amman, Hull Road Foreman: Pete Kaminski

Excused: Janeen Cooper

- 2) **Approval of minutes from May 1, 2013 Hull Parks Commission meeting.** *Motion made by Maurice Stoltz to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2013 Hull Parks Commission meeting. Seconded by Jim Mendyke. Motion passed.*

- 3) **Citizens wishing to address the commission on non-agenda items. Agenda items are for discussion and possible action: NONE.**

- 4) **Announcements; Chairperson and Members.**

Wilz A few years ago, there was a committee put together to review buildings and problems with buildings and what we had to do here for the Town of Hull (municipal buildings). At the time it focused on 3 major areas: the Town Hall, the garage and the fire station. We had that going for about 2 years. We had consultants in here and they were going to fix this building up for X amount and about the same amount for the other one. Then somebody said, hey, we could have one grand building for the same amount, why wouldn’t we do that. We started going down that path and a million dollar budget which they thought would get everything done exploded out to four million. This was getting crazy so we pulled back. We decided we needed to see how the elections turned out and what was going to happen to everybody’s budget. We put the whole building thing on hold because we were looking at some pretty big money. The budget repair bill the governor put in place affected a lot of government workers, especially teachers. It affected every part of the state. For us, they cut our state aides down by \$80,000 in a year. In retrospect we were very glad we did not move something forward. That was several years ago. Obviously the building is getting older and we’ve reduced the scope. It got brought back up about 6 or 7 months ago to look at what the real needs were. Not necessarily have a long-term approach but say that we may have to do these things in segments. Originally we were trying to work with a concept we came up with, then we were going to solicit a design/build firm that

would come and say that for this amount of money, we can do this to help you with your needs. Unfortunately about 1 ½ months ago we were told by the state we couldn't do that because there's no way to measure that because it's 2 objectives. So we ended up bringing in another architect and he came up with some ideas. This all has happened since the last time we met, where we had to shift gears and come out a different way. We've got a special town meeting coming up on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, which is a week from this Monday. We're going to do two things: we're going to roll out some plans of what phase we're going to be doing and how that looks. I'm going to show you that tonight. We can ask the people/constituents to tax themselves through a special meeting. This project is going to be about a \$600,000 project. So that's what this meeting is about on the 29<sup>th</sup>. They're going to roll out the plan, why it's important, why the need is there, what it will cost and what it will cost the average taxpayer. This group, like all of the groups that serve Hull in various capacities, you're connected; you give to your community. We respect what you think. I strongly encourage you to show up at this meeting. Listen to what is being said and vote for it one way or another. But to engage is what I'm asking.

Mendyke      When they see what it is, if it's \$600,000 spread out over however many people, it's not going to be that big of a deal is it?

Wilz            I don't know how long the financing terms are. There's other parts of that too. Part of Board feels that 20 years for \$14 a year on a \$100,000 house...then there's people like me that are going, yea, except we may need to borrow money for other things down the road too.

Stoltz          \$600,000 you don't want to spread over 20 years.

Wilz            They're working on that part. What we've come up with is a design and a dollar amount. The meeting has been posted legally in the paper twice already. We've got a distressed building. This building was built in 1976 or 1978, it says so on the plaque over there. There hasn't been one thing done to it in that entire period. We're talking about this front end. What has to be done to get us up to speed and be able to function for the next 30 to 40 years? What you see right here, this will all be opened up into the meeting room. They'll take the bathrooms out. There will be another building about 3,000 square feet put on the front of this. This is the current room we're in right here. That's what it'll look like for board meetings. Several times of the year when we overflow, we have to go to SPASH. Functions okay for this size group but not for the bigger groups. This size building right here will be put out in the front and that's where the vault storage will go, a few more offices, there will be some front desk and interior lobby work that'll be secure. You'll be able to get into the lobby, do your business through secure glass and we won't have to open the rest of the building up. It'll look something like this, that's the front of the building and you can see the old building behind it.

Schroeder      How will they do the voting then? Because right now, the office is basically shut down when we have voting, right?

Wilz            Yes. It can happen the way it is right now, which is one way. The other way is this new entry way will be large enough that you can get in and get out and they'll vote in here. This will become more of a multi-purpose room. That's how I envision it. I see storage still being an area we may need to put on one end and be more multi-functional. The other benefit we get, obviously we've got windows that are currently falling apart, we've got roof issues, that

will be taken care of in all of this, we've got some garage issues and some siding issues in the garage and that'll be part of this. So it won't be just new offices, it'll be taking care of some of the other issues in the rest of the building. But that's all we're going to be going for. Nothing with the fire department. It's to get an aging building, the part that functions every day, through the next 30 or 40 years. Probably new mechanicals because they're ageing and we're repairing them. We need to be doing a whole bunch of other things if we don't do this.

Mendyke Put a picture of the building on the (*Town of Hull*) sign (*at Torun/Hwy. 66*).

Wilz There you go.

Mendyke With the deer.

Wilz I'm not here to tell the story, that'll be done on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The architect will talk about the need and the design. More importantly, as you always have in the past, I'd really like you to show up and participate because I think this group really matters and we rely on your judgment, and to listen to what is being said and participate.

O'Keefe Will it be voted on that night?

Wilz My understanding is that it all happens in one night. That's the beauty of a meeting. The reason this is coming up so quick is we got stalled when we were told what we were doing was wrong so we shifted gears. The other thing is, we originally planned to have ground breaking this spring through the summer. We can still get this done and have ground broke this fall and they can get it all closed in. So there's some economies we can take of advantage that way so we really want to get it going.

Mendyke Are you just ahead of what the fire department is doing?

Wilz We are going to have to do something with the fire department in the next 5 years or so.

Mendyke But this is the priority then, first.

Wilz Yes. This building functions 5 days a week and it's got issues and it's got capacity issues too. It's being done in such a way that if we ever decided to make this a multi-plex building, we could still add on to it.

Mendyke Right, but if we'll have to borrow for changes in the fire department then it would be nice to get that paid off within 3 to 5 years so you can ask again.

Wilz Sooner than 20. Over the years we borrowed money for a variety of reasons. When we redid Wilshire, that was put on there. We bought a new-used fire truck a couple of years ago, that was \$100,000. That went all on there. That wasn't a big deal because we never had to go back to the taxpayer because we had enough money left over in the budget to offset it and if we didn't, we had the ability to increase your taxes by at least 2% a year. Well that's been taken away. I've been on the Board now 5 or 6 years. We've been very frugal with people's

money. We haven't increased the taxes in the Town of Hull for 6 or 7 years as John and the Board don't believe in overtaxing and having money left over. You tax for what you need.

Mendyke Is it an indefinite time that you can't do 2%? How long is that?

Wilz He just signed his next 2 years and it's the same as usual. The state doesn't have the money to back off on what they've done to everybody so I think this is the new normal. So I've got to convince the Board that we might think differently about our financing terms and that shorter might be better than longer. But this half million dollar note we've got, we've paid it off with extra money we had left over in the budget. Well there's no money left over. But most importantly, I'd like you to strongly consider showing up on the 29<sup>th</sup>. I'm going to get a little reminder e-mail to you Patty to re-invite the group again next week to remind them. We want people to participate. If there's 20 people that show up, this will be decided by 20. If there are 200, it gets decided by 200. Just participate is what I ask. \$600,000 isn't much by today's standards. But when you have to ask people for money, it becomes a pretty large amount.

O'Keefe Have you figure out what the per household amount would cost?

Wilz We ran several different scenarios. If, for instance, we used a 20-year at 4% and we might be able to do better than that, I think it came out to \$1.30 a month or \$13 - \$14 a year per \$100,000 of assessed value (*\$100,000 valued house*). So if you have a \$100,000 home, on your tax bill it would cost you a dollar something per month on a \$600,000 (*municipal*) building. Obviously it goes up if you compress the time that you pay that back, the price goes up because you pay it off quicker. Are there any questions about that? Again, we'll send out a reminder. Feel free to bring some friends. As John Holdridge would say, it's like the colonial days when everybody shows up to vote on every single thing that happens. We've got to do something, Jim, with the fire department. Pete's going to eventually have some needs back here too. In fact, that garage was added on to once before, that last section was added on. It was never big enough when they built it the first time. We had the ability to continue to go out that way. I can attest as kind of a numbers guy myself, that the Town of Hull has done a wonderful job being frugal and getting the most out of their money. Our debt load is, I think we can borrow....

Kaminski Seventeen million dollars is what we can borrow.

Wilz Up to 17 million. We're carrying 400,000. It's a couple of percents of our budget. We really don't have a debt. When you look at Portage County and look at Stevens Point, they're always constantly leveraging and borrowing. We're trying to always get it out of the checkbook or out of the cash flow. Well sometimes you can't and you've got to go borrow. So I hope to see many of you there on the 29<sup>th</sup>. We'll send out a reminder.

Mendyke What time is that?

Wilz It's at 6:30, in this building, Monday the 29<sup>th</sup>. They are also trying to put together a quick information packet that's going to be given out that night but the intent is to have it available prior to. If that's the case, I'll put that in the e-mail. The idea is to have it ready before the meeting.

## 5) Member Appointments – Mike O’Keefe

Wilz We’ve got one member whose term expires this year, Mike O’Keefe. The term is 7 years. We’ve really enjoyed having you join us and I’d like you to consider doing it again.

*Motion made by Dave Wilz to nominate Mike O’Keefe to continue on as a member of Hull Parks Commission. Motion was seconded by Maurice Stoltz. Motion passed.*

Wilz What I do with that is a write up and give it to the Town Board because everything we do is advisory to the Board and they’ll approve it at their next meeting.

## 6) Update on Progress of Repairs from Inspection Sheets – Pete K.

Wilz We’ve got one more inspection sheet that Brian Hicks dropped off (*on Jordan Acres Park*).

Hicks All in all, I thought the park was in great shape. The new equipment we put in there looked really good. The basketball hoop net doesn’t last all that long so I didn’t even make note of that but the rim is really starting to rust out which maybe isn’t too big of a deal unless somebody tries to touch the rim and catches a piece of the rust in their hand. The benches are starting to chip a little bit but otherwise the wood looks really good on those. The big round jungle gym with all the different pipes, the silver paint is really starting to chip on that one. There’s probably less paint than not. The park sign itself looked pretty solid but there’s a few signs on there that are starting to fade but I don’t know which ones those were. You’ll see them if you go out there.

Kaminski Yes.

Hicks The picnic table, I don’t know how many seasons that will have left in it. The side that’s facing the road, the seat was pretty rotted out and the first board on that side of the table top was also looking rough and pretty rotted. It still felt relatively solid but it looked like it was heading south. That slide, I don’t know how old that is, but that thing is rock-solid. It’s got a little bit of graffiti that’s scratched on there but that thing is solid as a rock. They don’t make things like that anymore.

Mendyke You can’t even buy those anymore.

Hicks I’m sure you can’t. They’re really high up in the air.

Wilz They’d never allow them probably.

Hicks One of the spring rockers, I think there’s a duck and then a board. One of those boards is missing a foot pad, it looks like. There’s a rubber thing if you’re standing on it, there’s one big rubber thing on the left side if you’re facing the road, then on the right there’s 2 smaller ones and it looks like there’s one missing on that one side. I thought both sets of swings looked good. The new little kid’s swings, the seats themselves looked good and the chains looked awesome. Those chains are beautiful. On the big swing set, the seats looked good, the chains

looked good but the rings and the bar that's over on that other half are starting to look like they could use a little bit of paint. Otherwise I thought the park looked good.

Wilz            Pete, on the picnic table where we've got a soft board or something rotting out on a seat, do you simply replace them?

Kaminski      We replace the board. We don't buy a new one. We go to Fleet Farm and buy treated lumber.

Hicks           It feels pretty solid so it's not falling apart.

Wilz            Do any of you notice how often the picnic tables get used by people that either sit at them or read or bring the kids in for lunch?

Stoltz           I've seen people by me, have lunch or sit by themselves. Adults come out there and sit by a table and read while they're having lunch or grandma will come with the kids and she'll sit by the picnic table and let the kids run around.

O'Keefe        There's always kids sitting on the picnic table, like in the evenings, teenagers.

Wilz            Okay. I would think the repairs would then be pretty important. I see in my parks more people using the picnic table than I'll see using the park equipment because of these non-park type activities, adults riding their bikes down there, making a break and pulling out a book and spending some time.

O'Keefe        On the basketball hoop, do you use a net like a regular net or do you use some kind of metal?

Kaminski      Last time I think we bought from Fleet Farm that plastic webbing. Maybe somebody must have taken that.

Hicks           Yes, because that's that nylon stuff.

O'Keefe        Is there some kind of metal one that would be more permanent?

Kaminski      I can check into it.

Stoltz           They used to have a chain one.

Kaminski      I'll have to check at Fleet Farm.

Wilz            Do they even have chain ones anymore? I thought there were some lawsuits from somebody who ripped a finger off or something.

Hicks           That's what I was wondering, somebody trying to touch the net and got their finger caught.

Mendyke       Do kids play hoops there much?

Hicks I don't get by that park very often. I wondered if somebody else wasn't putting it up because the court is in fantastic shape.

Kaminski There's a nice cement pad there, perfect for kids.

Hicks It's really, really nice.

Mendyke I suppose we could supply one out there a year couldn't we?

Wilz Sure, absolutely. But I'd stay away from metal or chain, if they even make those anymore. I'd go with the nylon cord or those plastic things like you say that are a little bit more permanent. Thanks Brian. On the same subject then Pete, can you bring us up to date on the progress on some of the repairs that we shared with you last time?

Kaminski I don't think the guys have had time since our last meeting to actually start on any of this stuff yet. We've been getting our roads ready for chip sealing. Between mowing and getting our roadwork done. I was out the other day to Somerset Park. Somebody had called and there was a bee nest inside one of our spring rockers so I went out and sprayed it. Otherwise, no, they haven't gotten any painting done yet.

Wilz You're right, 6 ½ miles of roads were chip sealed and we just got those projects done. We try to get those done early.

Kaminski All the cracks, I've got to cut them out and tar them. Everything takes time.

Wilz We prep before that.

Kaminski We've been mowing 3 days a week just like last year. This week it actually slowed down because it isn't raining. So this week we're not mowing but we'll be back out there mowing again.

O'Keefe Mowing shoulders, is that what you've been doing, along the roads?

Kaminski Yes.

Wilz Okay Pete. So we'll accept Pete's report and Brian's report.

## **7) Update on Equipment Purchase and Installation – Pete K.**

Wilz Since we met last time, the group asked to pick up one additional spring rider and it was recommended then to have two for Pleasant View East and West. Pete and I had talked about this a week or two after the meeting. We ordered it and I see we finally got invoiced for it. I've got a copy of the bill here.

Kaminski I got an invoice too but I have not received my product yet.

Wilz            They say it's due the middle of August and it was ordered back in June.

Kaminski      You guys talked about Pleasant View East and Pleasant View West.

Wilz            That was the only equipment we purchased this year because we were done with the big projects. So we've purchased but have not received and there's no installation yet and we'll get that done before the end of the season. So we accept agenda item #7 as reported.

*Note: The spring riders arrived at the municipal building by UPS the next day – July 18<sup>th</sup>.*

**8)      Discussion of Town of Hull sign at Torun & Hwy. 66, possible landscaping – Pete K.**

Wilz            Pete brought this up last time. We gave Pete permission to do something with the entryway coming down Torun. He was going to come back with some possible ideas. It's on here for that reason along with the fact that we have to advise the Board what he wants to do so too.

Kaminski      I have a book back there where you can have signs made. I sent our logo to Rent-A-Flash, the Town of Hull logo with the deer on it. Then he kind of threw this welcome sign with the deer on it together. I'm just throwing it out there for you guys to talk about. There are all kinds of different options we can do. Our current sign that's out there, I took pictures of what it looks like. *(He passed around pictures.)* I would like to put some nice, round landscaping block with a new sign and spice it up a little bit.

Wilz            The landscape blocking is shifting out there, that's why you're suggesting this.

Stoltz          You've got plastic timbers right?

Kaminski      Yes. The only thing I thought of after the fact was that they might swipe those blocks, if I stick landscape block out there.

Amman        They've got to be heavy.

Kaminski      I don't know, I've thought about it.

O'Keefe        When they put those in, they usually cement them together or they put caulk in there. Once that stuff dries, you'd have to take the whole wall out of there.

Stoltz          Yes, they have that adhesive.

Kaminski      You guys think about it.

Wilz            Are you going to put a deer out there?

Kaminski      Our official logo is...



Wilz That'll be like Smokey the Bear down the street. It'll be gone more than it's there.

Kaminski Unless the Town of Hull wants to change its logo. We've had this logo forever.

Mendyke How big are you thinking? That would replace the one we have out there now?

Kaminski Yes. There's a 48 x 36 for \$93 then the 60 x 48 is \$135.60. That deer looks fake on there. Ours is at least facing back.

Schroeder You'd want to go 6 feet or 48. You have a concern that if we move that sign or put a new one up, there'd be problems with variances or something?

Kaminski I do have a letter in my office and 50' from the centerline the state owns. Anything after 50' the Town of Hull has as their road right of way. So where that sits, where the 50' comes, I did not measure yet. But yes, I do have a letter from the state.

Wilz Would this area be larger than what we've got there now?

Kaminski I don't think so.

Wilz Same size but kind of reconfigured.

Kaminski Yes. Make it more modern. Like I said, we can do whatever we want with our sign design. He came back with that. I asked Barbara and Janet's opinion of it today and they said they really didn't care for it.

Mendyke I think it's a good first shot at it, if you can tweak it. I think we've got to stay with the theme of the Town.

Schroeder I do too.

Hicks Yes and that looks like the Town of Hull.

Wilz This is what's on all the stationery and envelopes and I think it's been that way for years.

Hicks I like the addition of the pines and stuff in the back.

Stoltz That and the "Welcome to".

Wilz Does the group care how it comes out or should we just leave this up to Pete or work it out with the gang here?

Schroeder I'm okay with it.

Mendyke I'm glad we're doing an update.

Wilz Yes, it looks a little worn down there. I wonder too if we should locate that in a different place. I bring that up only from the standpoint of the 2 times a year at least when we have elections, that whole thing gets used as a public place for signs. Maybe that's not a big issue.

Schroeder I think if he landscapes it with shrubbery and different things, they'll stay away from that.

Stoltz They'll still put the signs there.

Wilz I know they will. My question is, with all the signs that go up there at election time, would it be better to set it back or then you won't be able to see it as well? Wherever this ends up, they're going to put the signs around it. Either that or put it in the same place and maybe have it go up higher.

Schroeder I don't think you want to go back much further off the highway. Then you can't see it.

Kaminski What I would do is take down this Town of Hull sign and hang up a new one probably using these same three. I'll have them made out of aluminum so it'll last awhile. What colors do you want? I need some ideas from you.

Mendyke Well you've got to tweak it over here a little bit. Make it more realistic. What are our official colors?

Wilz Brown? I don't think we have any official colors, Jim, that I'm aware of.

Mendyke I guess it could be a darker green, forest green with a blue background. Probably make it look better, I think. I think you want some color on that sign.

Kaminski The deer should be looking like this, turned that way.

Mendyke I think it looks a little odd with that Town of Hull sign looking white.

Wilz I guess I'm not understanding this. This picture is the whole sign?

Kaminski Yes, we can take that and do whatever we want with it. That was just his idea, the guy from Marathon City.

Mendyke We ought to have a Town of Hull Design a Sign Contest.

Hicks That's a good idea. We've got some talented people out there.

O'Keefe I'm sure there's somebody out there that's got some talent, some kids.

Mendyke Put it in the next newsletter.

Wilz I think we want to get this done yet this summer. The newsletter doesn't come out until October, or actually later than that.

Mendyke I'm not a graphic artist. I can't tell you what's good.

Wilz I know what's good when I see it but don't ask me what that is.

Mendyke For the first shot, it's fine. But it doesn't jump out at me.

Kaminski No, me either.

Amman It seems like the deer should be coming into the sign. It says, "Welcome to the Town of Hull" but the deer is leaving.

O'Keefe This sign is going to hang from what then?

Kaminski Those 2 posts that are out there now. It will be hanging inside the middle.

Stoltz There's going to be a big sign, then that will just be printed on the sign.

Kaminski Yes.

Wilz So this sign will be hung in between these 2 posts.

Schroeder I think you should go 60 x 48 so it expands a little.

Kaminski I'll have to measure that sign. I can get whatever size I want.

Stoltz A 60 x 48 would fit in there hanging down.

Kaminski I would like to do something more modern. The Village of Plover has the 2 ducks as their logo. Everybody's got their own thing and we've got to have our own thing here too. We've got the logo, but what do we want to do with it?

Mendyke Get a new logo?

Wilz Maybe Jim's got it right. Maybe we should create something. I don't think you're going to get it from this group though.

Schroeder This would definitely be an improvement from what's out there for years and years. If everyone would go fast (*past it*), you probably wouldn't even know there was a sign.

Wilz What does it cost for something like that?

Kaminski \$135.

Wilz You could change it every year until you get it right.

Kaminski The price will vary because I've got to go out there and measure that. We'll see. The way the sign faces, you can only see it coming from this way and that way. Maybe I should tweak that thing a little bit so you can see it both ways then have it printed on both sides of the sign. I'd have to measure how far away it is from the road right-of-way to see if I could push it out a little so they could see it coming from that way.

Wilz The input you've received from some of the staff out here is that they don't like it.

Kaminski I asked Barbara today what she thought of it and she said she and Janet don't care for it, but she said that was just their opinion. I said, "That's fine."

Wilz I think that's a good start. You've got some information. Maybe we should allow Pete to talk to other staff and take it to the Hull Board and see what they think, if they want to do something more or have somebody come in and do something professionally. We could put it on the website too. That's a good looking website. Maybe there's something on there that would tie in on something.

Kaminski Right now we've got flowers in there. Maybe at the next meeting we could get it approved and either late fall or next spring, April 1<sup>st</sup> I could be out there putting it in.

Schroeder Put it in the newsletter, let the public respond. I'd rather see citizens respond than staff.

Mendyke Worse case would be that we'd get no response. The best is that there'd be some really cool design submitted.

Kaminski Somebody might do something.

Schroeder Would we consider maybe having a sign there off of Brilowski Road? I don't know where else you could put one. I remember back about 8 years ago John said he'd like to see some signage so people would know they're in the Town of Hull. Well the Town of Hull is so chopped up, it's pretty hard to sign. But if you were coming Brilowski Road north, that would be a place.

Kaminski Torun Road you'd put one, by X put one, there are ways if a guy would want to.

Stoltz North Second.

Wilz Maybe we can sign the town. Maybe not as John imagined because there are a million places to put it, but talk about some strategic places we could do some things.

Schroeder He talked about a sign that could look like it really stands out and used Whiting as the example. That's on a curve so it's a natural setting.

Kaminski I've got Class B signs on every road inside Hull, where it comes in and out, the City and (*Town*) lines.

Schroeder But it would make sense, this being the Town of Hull, on Hwy. 66, that should have a signature kind of sign that really stands out.

Stoltz Sure, with the Town municipal building and everything.

Schroeder Have a mound similar to like Whiting has.

Kaminski Maybe we should just put a big fluorescent sign out there, "Welcome to the Town of Hull", with an arrow.

Schroeder Fluorescent to me is kind of chintzy.

Wilz Well, what should we do with this.

*A motion was made by Brian Hicks to table the sign decision for now, letting Pete Kaminski take this and check into it further and bring it to the Board for some citizen input. Motion was seconded by Maurice Stoltz. Motion passed.*

## **9) Review of Budget (YTD)**

Wilz Not really too much to report on this. It's for the 7 months ending July 31<sup>st</sup> which is the month Barb is working in but we don't have all the bills in for July yet. We're only half way through the month. It looks like we're doing okay so far. Pete, the labor on the parks, like we had discussed last year, unless it needs cutting, don't go.

Kaminski Oh yes. Otherwise I just spent \$1,000 on playground equipment.

Wilz That just came in, at \$580 something.

Kaminski So we're in good shape.

Wilz Most of the season is still ahead of us in terms of cost.

*A motion to approve the year to date budget as presented was made by Roland Schroeder and seconded by Brian Hicks. Motion passed.*

## **10) Update on Meadow Manor Walking Path**

Wilz We talked about this last year and then at the last meeting, we asked Pete to go out and come up with a plan on a possible walking path over at Meadow Manor. It came off of an idea that Rollie brought up several years ago.

Kaminski I was out there and took pictures. There's an awful lot of water standing there. I talked to Randy and Nick, the guys that mow that and a lot of times they've got to go back twice a week because the water is so far out into the baseball field that you've got to wait. I walked in there and feel that if we did anything out there, it would get washed out.

Wilz            Pete wrote this and sent this out in the third week in June. I went out the first week in July and there was still water in there. I know it's been a wetter spring but to put any work in or chips down just to have it get washed out, I would think wouldn't make much sense. Pete wrote this memo and I said we'd bring it back here and give some direction if we had any on what to do. I thought that would have been a nice project to put some sort of walking trail in someplace and Rollie had brought it up as that would be a good place to do it and clean it up at the same time.

Kaminski      Last year would have been excellent for that because we didn't have any rain last year but this year you can't even walk in there.

O'Keefe        Is this associated with any creek or wetland system?

Kaminski      No. Behind our park is just a lower spot in the woods. There's no creek there.

Schroeder     At some time there looked like there was a channel.

Stoltz         Isn't there a creek that runs through there? Because my niece lives about 3 or 4 houses down from the park and their land goes back and I thought they said there's a creek.

Kaminski      There's a creek on North Second Drive past our park about 3 blocks down.

Wilz            Thanks for the update Pete. We'll accept it as you presented it.

## **11) Update on Trees at Somerset Park**

Wilz            Also at the last meeting we asked Pete to come back with some suggestions about the tree situation at Somerset. He prepared something near the end of June for this.

Kaminski      I went out there and measured that. It is a pie shaped wedge at Somerset about 100 feet long and 60 feet wide. I walked in there and there are a lot of nice oaks, young trees coming up. There's some cherry and some brush in there but 90% of that is good growing trees. I don't think we should cut that down. We've been buying trees and planning trees. If anything, I'll go there and clean up all the brush and leave the nice trees, the oaks. I don't think we should cut it. We can take out the junk brush.

Hicks          What prompted this?

Kaminski      We talked about it at the meeting.

Wilz            Rollie brought it up at the last meeting.

Mendyke      Does it interfere with the ball diamond?

Kaminski      No.

Stoltz Or did Janeen bring it up. I don't remember.

Wilz It was brought up in such a way that it was in the way of something and should we remove some trees in there.

Stoltz Probably if you go back to the minutes.

Hicks Not a big deal, I was just wondering if there was a reason why we needed to do that.

Mendyke If there were jack pines, it would be different.

Hicks It's such a huge park to begin with, I can't imagine you'd need more space for equipment.

Wilz Pete, why don't you go in there and clean up the dead stuff and if there's some brush thinning that needs to be done, *(to do that)*.

Kaminski I can go in there with the little tractor and pull them out, stumps and all. I'll make order in there.

O'Keefe Is that shielding homes in there in that area?

Kaminski Yes, that land that backs up to that. I don't know who lives there. If we took everything out, he'd have a big open back yard. His privacy would be gone.

Wilz We'll accept Pete's report on that with the recommendations he made on his sheet. All in favor? *(All voted aye.)*

## **12) Set next Parks Commission meeting date.**

Wilz We've always had the Parks meetings traditionally on Wednesday evenings. Would there be a problem doing it on a Monday or Thursday evening and just avoid the whole Wednesday thing?

Hicks Either one of those would be better than Wednesday.

Mendyke Yes.

Schroeder We usually have Monday church meetings, once a month.

Amman Sometimes there's Board meetings on Mondays too.

Wilz We have Board meetings here, usually the first Monday of the month and if we have a need, it'll be usually the third Monday of the month too. So Monday's get pretty busy up here but there'd be enough exposure that we could work them in. Tuesday nights out here are usually reserved for Plan Commission meetings. They meet at least once a month. I know

Wednesday nights are CCD nights. I'll put that on the agenda for the next meeting, to review that. Think about that and maybe you could bring in a sample calendar of your typical meeting days and we can see if it would work in there. It would be nice to get it on Monday nights. The fall back then would be Thursday just to avoid the Wednesday. Or we could do Tuesdays too but we'll put that on the agenda for next time.

The next meeting, the last meeting for the year, I had tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Should we make it Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>?

Hicks            Yes.

Schroeder      Give it a try.

Hicks            I wouldn't be able to make it on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Wilz             Let's have it on Thursday evening the 19<sup>th</sup> because we don't know a lot about Monday's yet. 6:30 p.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

*The next Parks Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. here at the Hull Municipal Building.*

**13) Adjournment.** *Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with a motion made by Maurice Stoltz and seconded by Roland Schroeder. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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