

## **Park Board Meeting**

March 4, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order at 7:00 by Chair Person Jon Blanchard
2. Roll Call  
Present: Jon Blanchard, Jennifer Skibba, Chad Winklepleck, Ron Novinska, Brett Subach, and Dan Olson  
Absent: Rich Strohmenger and Jon Lourigan  
Also Present: Assistant Public Works director, Gary Disch, Village of Oregon Board members Steve Station and Darlene Groenier
3. Approval of Minutes –
  - a) Novinska moved to approve the February 4, 2009 minutes. Second by Winklepleck. Motion Carried.
4. Report from the Village Board:
  - a) Discussion of Board Activities - none
5. Public Appearances
  - a) Oregon School District's request of transferring ownership of Huntoon Field from the Village to the School District
    - Representatives of the school district included: Andrew Weiland (Business Manager), Brain Busler (Superintendent), Wayne Mixdorf, (Sports Booster Rep.) Doug Kornetzke (Oregon School Board member), and Mike Chapes (Athletic Director)
      - The Oregon School District had a discussion with the Oregon Village Board about the desire to improve Huntoon Field specifically and the east side of Jaycee Park.
      - The Oregon School Board and Oregon Schools have an interest in making improvements to the fields on the east side of Jaycee Park.
      - Short term goal would be to make improvements to Huntoon Field costing between \$15, 000 - \$20,000.
      - Long term goals would be to make the conceptual master plan a reality. The estimate for this to happen was around 4 million dollars.
      - In order for the School Board and School District to make these modifications and improvements the School District is asking for the Village of Oregon to transfer the east side of Jaycee Park over to Oregon School District.
      - Everything would be to enhance not restrict community property.
      - The Sports Boosters and Board of Education have this master plan as their long term goal.
      - Question – Would it still be possible for youth soccer and baseball to use the fields? The fields have not been getting used because they are not safe to play on. Huntoon Field would need to be restricted this year to let the grass grow in hopes it would be ready for the tournament on July.
      - Question – Where does the band practice? They have used the Lacrosse/Soccer Area for the past few years.
      - The School District would like to try to make the fields as accessible but monitor usage.
      - Question – What does monitor usage mean? East Jaycee Park will have some level of playing or some restrictions.

- Short term – As fields are developed they may be restricted as to how much playing time can occur. This may also increase usage because they will be safe to play on. Huntoon Field has not been used as much in the past few years
  - Long term – Competition fields may need to be restricted or limitations may have to be added (example the football field has restrictions.) These restrictions would most likely be for the competitive soccer field.
- There will also be some weather related restrictions on the competitive fields.
- The goal is to provide as much access as possible while maintaining the quality of the fields.
- A few things the Park Board would like to see at the East Jaycee Park
  - The trees remaining along the road.
  - The paved path remain in the park in some form.
  - The Ames Bicentennial Walk moved to a place where it is more visible, possibly relocating the garden to the other side of Jaycee Park.
  - The name Jaycee used in some way because of involvement the Jaycees had with Jaycee Park.
  - The Park Board would like to know what is happening at East Jaycee Park. It has a direct impact on bathrooms, shelters, and other fields being used. It would be nice to work out some way of make large events or tournaments known to the Park Board or Village so we can let people using the shelter or fields in Jaycee Park know.
  - The land north of the Hockey Arena is the land that the Park Board discussed getting transferred.
- The School Board will be asking for the big picture. There are short term goals and long term goals. The long term goals can be prioritized. Originally the Master Concept Plan had the initial basic phase would cost about 2 million dollars.
- **Olson moves to except the Oregon School Districts proposal to transfer ownership of East Jaycee Park from the Village of Oregon to the Oregon School District, boundaries to be determined by the Village Board. With the conditions established that this land will only be used for recreational use. Second by Winklepleck. Motion Carried. Novinska Sustained.**

b) Development of Bergamont Park - Paul Lynch and Eric Turnas

- The neighborhood would like basketball courts more than tennis courts.
- Baseball and soccer have expressed an interest in the park.
- Fields would need to get leveled.
- Paul and Eric were wondering how much money was available for these projects.
- The Park Board responded that requesting to get projects done in the parks has a process.
  - Develop a plan with approval from the neighborhood.
  - Bring the plan with a quote of how much it will cost to a Park Board meeting.
  - Try to raise money or tell how the neighborhood will be helping with the project. (Example community build or funding ½ and the Park Board funding ½ )
  - Present the plan, quotes, money raised to the Park Board and a motion will be made.

- That motion is presented during a Village Board meeting. The Village Board then makes a motion.
    - If the motion is passed the project may begin.
  - Question - Is there money to start these projects this year? The budget is already done for this year. Money was not designated for the Bergamont Park.
  - Question – What happened to the developer’s money? The money is used in a general fund. That money was mainly used to purchase West Park. Money is always an issue and with no new developments there is no new money.
  - Question – Is there water and electric in the park. Gary Disch said he though there was water but no electric.
  - Eric and Paul will be coming back in April with a plan and estimates.
- c) Kathy Esch – Continuing Discussion of Planting of Trees in Keller Alpine Meadows Park
- Attached is the letter from Kathy with a list of trees.
  - Jack Mitchell will be staking the trees.
  - Steve Root will be picking the trees up. A check will need to go with Steve when he picks up the trees.
  - The Village of Oregon will plant trees on April 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00a.m. until everything is planted.
  - Gary Disch will try to drill some holes for the trees.
- d) Girl Scout Troop 184 – Susie LeBrun and Neenah LeBrun - Community Service Project Oregon
- Five or six girls are earning the Bronze Award.
  - The girls need to do 15 to 16 hours of work.
  - The Park Board gave some suggestions and contacts for the girls to decide what they wanted to do.
    - Ames Bicentennial Walk needs flowers planted and to be maintained. Contact person is Pat Kanable.
    - The Town of Oregon trees will need watering. Contact person is Kathy Esch.
    - Work Days in Lerner Park will occur in spring. Contact person is Al Miller.
    - Planting flowers with the Lioness in Triangle Park.
    - Planting trees on April 18<sup>th</sup> in Oregon.
- e) Lerner Conservation Park – Oregon Rotary – Possible Recommendation to Village Board Eagle Scout Projects – Kyle Wood (Tabled until April Meeting)
- f) Discussion and Possible Action re: Joint Use of High Meadows Park’s Playing Fields by Multi-Sports – Dan Dean
- High Meadows is not an ideal sight for a baseball diamond. Bergamont Park is a better option.
  - The field in Bergamont Park would have a full size backstop similar to Rome Corners Intermediate School.
  - The Park Board requested that all the neighbors be contacted for feedback on having a backstop and fencing in the park.
  - At the April Park Board meeting Dan Dean will be bringing the proposal for fencing, skinning, backstop, and scoreboards. Scoreboards will be added to April meeting for Rustic Vineyards Park and Bergamont Park.

- g) Girls Fast-Pitch Softball – reaffirming approval for fence line and dugouts for the Rustic Vineyard Park – Tim Bail
    - The foul line fence will be 8 feet high and 80 feet long.
    - The foul line fence will cost about \$2,600.00.
    - The outfield fence will cost about \$4,663.00.
    - Gary Disch will work with Tim Bail to see if the Village can get a better price.
    - The Village will pay for the fencing and Tim Bail will write a check back to the Village for the amount.
    - **Winklepleck moved to approve the installation of foul line and outfield fencing with treated lumber benches for the players at Rustic Vineyard Park. Oregon Youth Baseball will cover the cost of these items. Second by Olson. Motion Carried.**
    - **Novinska moved to provide up to \$2,500.00 towards a back stop at Rustic Vineyards Park. Second by Winklepleck. Motion Carried.**
6. Communications and Miscellaneous Business
- a) Discussion and Possible Recommendation to the Village Board re: Oregon High School Athletic Booster Club’s Request to place a Pepsi Trailer in Kiser Park for storing items during baseball season - Wayne Mixdorf
    - Trailers will be used for football and baseball games.
    - It is a locked facility.
    - Temporarily placed for the season. (March 29<sup>th</sup> through the end of May)
    - North of the shelter would be the ideal location.
    - There is a need for an extension cord to be run for electrical.
    - The field and surrounding area is still torn up because of construction.
    - The location will depend on the clean up and time line of more construction.
    - If vandalism would occur Pepsi has the liability.
    - **Novinska moved to approve the placement of a Pepsi trailer at Kiser Field by the Athletic Booster. The exact placement is to be determined by Public Works. Second by Winklepleck. Motion Carried.**
7. Unfinished Business
- a) Discussion of Updating Village’s Open Space Plan in 2009 – Completion Date April, 2009
    - The Open Space Plan is still being worked on.
  - b) Update regarding Stewardship Grant and Dane County Conservation Fund Applications
    - Information Only
8. New Business
- a) Discussion of installing benches in Westside Community Park – Tabled until April meeting
  - b) Discussion and Possible Action re: Dane County’s 2009 Bike Grant Program - none
  - c) FYI- Public Forum on Draft Master Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Plan at May 7<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting - Informational
9. Report of Public Works/Parks Department
- a) Possible Removal of Tree from Waterman Park – A pine tree will be removed.
  - b) Starting to get help for summer.
  - c) Cutting a path through Lerner Park to Keller Alpine Meadows Park. The path is going to be wet.
10. Items for Future Meetings and Future Assignments

- a) Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Parks
- b) Ribbon Cutting for Jefferson Street/North Alpine Parkway Bike/Pedestrian Path and Dedication of Keller Alpine Meadows Park in Spring, 2009
- c) Location of Possible Planter and Planting of Flowers in Westside Community Park
- d) Establishing Community Garden in Keller Alpine Meadows Park

11. Adjournment

**Skibba moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Second by Winklepleck. Motion Carried.**