

MINUTES – HULL PARKS COMMISSION
Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 6:00 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, June 20, 2012 at 6:00 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 Members: Brian Hicks, Janeen Cooper, Jim Mendyke, Maurice Stoltz, Roland Schroeder,
Parks Secretary: Patty Amman, Hull Road Foreman: Pete Kaminski

Excused: Mike O'Keefe

- 2) **Approval of minutes from April 11, 2012 Parks meeting.** *Motion made by Maurice Stoltz to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2012 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.

NOTE: Due to a malfunction of the recording equipment or tape that was not discovered until after the meeting, the minutes below are condensations of the general discussions that happened. No verbal recording available.

4) Announcements; Chairperson and Members.

Dave Wilz gave the Park Commission members updates on recent events and issues in the Town of Hull. Public Hearing Policy recently approved by the Town Board. Policy affects any Public Hearings for Hull including Parks and Plan Commissions. Although it's unlikely Parks would have much need of the policy, it is in place to use if needed. Rustic Roads petition for area of Northwest Hull was withdrawn. It initially came up due to misunderstanding of citizens regarding road safety issues and bicycling use. Town is in the middle of working out a 5-year budget proposal. TRIP D denied. Tree grant from a few years ago was a 50/50 grant with Hull paying for half the cost of the trees. Dave Wilz gave updated information on X interchange. DOT currently not approving any on/off ramp for that interchange at this time. Recent elections had 81% turnout in the Town of Hull of registered voters. Questions on if there was a snowmobile path in Somerset Park or that went through the park. Pete Kaminski indicated there is only a bike path, not a snowmobile path. Issues with empty home on Piccadilly Court near the park include uncut tall grass. Nuisance ordinance can be used if necessary if there is garbage or other problems with the property on Piccadilly Court.

5) Update on Siren in Northwest Hull & Potential Tractor Purchase.

The post for the tornado warning siren came in yesterday; Northway Communications. Although the siren was not up yet, it looked like it would be installed very soon (in the Northwest area of Hull). The tractor that is requested and needed by the road crew for park and ditching maintenance would be a shared cost between the Parks budget and the Town. The Board supports the shared cost of the tractor but a hotbox used for road maintenance (used for blacktop patching) was in need of replacement and is a priority over the tractor. Costs for a good used tractor run from \$15,000 to \$18,000. Costs for new hotbox run about the same, \$14,000 to \$23,000. Only 1 bid received for hotbox so a re-bid will be done. Parks has \$7,000 earmarked for equipment this year in their budget which could go towards the shared cost of tractor. Due to the pressing need of the hotbox, the tractor issue is still unresolved. Once the hotbox is purchased, the budget information will be more readily available as to what could be expended on a tractor.

6) Member Appointment Renewals – Maurice Stoltz.

Maurice Stoltz was nominated to continue as a member of the Parks Commission. Maurice Stoltz accepted the nomination and all members voted in favor of his new term on the Parks Commission. Term is 7 years and therefore will last until 2019.

7) Update on Progress of Repairs from Inspection Sheets – Pete Kaminski.

Pete Kaminski reported on various items they have taken care of that were listed on the inspection reports for the various parks. This included replacing rusted swing chain with stainless steel chain. The 100' of stainless steel chain Pete had purchased was used up in this process. Pete replaced dead trees as needed. Ironwood trees don't seem to grow in our area notwithstanding the recommendation of the DNR. Only a very small percentage of the trees from the DNR 50/50 grant didn't make it. About 97% of the trees grew fine. It would be a few years before we would qualify to apply again for the tree grant. Maurice Stoltz mentioned some tree tops in Sorenson Park. Discussion about the baseball diamond use and how much effort should be expended to keep it up ensued. Pete will try to keep the area open and grass free as much as possible with the limited equipment he has to work it up. It would seem the diamond is used more in the spring during baseball/softball practice sessions. Usage has dropped off in early summer for awhile. Brian indicated some of the baseball teams or practices are done for now. Houston Parrish will be moving. He was instrumental in making a request to get the ball diamond useable again. Dave Wilz agreed to e-mail Houston tonight regarding ball game status and Dave will forward the e-mail to Barb Brilowski (Town Secretary).

8) Review of Budget vs. Actual – YTD.

Dave Wilz reviewed the Parks budget year-to-date as of the end of May 2012 with a handout that showed the budget. Pete Kaminski said the road crew expends about 24 hours per week, or 3 days, in cutting the parks. The road crew handling the mowing of the parks is working out very well, especially with the new mower; very efficient. The \$5,000 in landscaping is mostly used for chips much of which is done in the fall. Pete talked about the possibility of some day

updating the Town sign located at Torun and Highway 66. Perhaps taking the square plastic beams out and putting something more up dated looking. This would not involve moving the sign but keeping everything in the same area. But not this year as flowers are already planted there for this year. Discussion regarding the “Sign the Town” section of the budget: this budget item was intended for use in signage for welcoming people into Hull at the various points that Hull has entrance from Stevens Point or from the rural areas. The problem arises in that Hull is so fragmented that it’s difficult to determine where to place such signs. Some areas in Hull are isolated and others have streets where one side is in Hull and the other side is in Stevens Point. The area where John Holdridge lives is an example. Pete Kaminski said they plowed about 7 times this past winter. Where Hull goes in and out of Stevens Point on certain roads, the City of Stevens Point and Hull alternate and do some exchange plowing for snow plowing purposes.

9) Update on Park Equipment Installation – Pete Kaminski.

Park playground equipment that was purchased last year and arrived late last season is soon to be ready for installing into the parks. Pete Kaminski is putting cement into the park area first, then in about a week or 2, the equipment will be ready to install onto the cement pads. Pete Kaminski will let Dave Wilz know when he’ll be ready to accept assistance from the Parks Commission members letting Barb B. know so she can e-mail the Parks Commission. Dave Wilz will let Mr. Ramash know about when this will take place. Jordan Park is staked out with the cement in. Should be ready by late next week for the park equipment installation.

10) Date of Next Meeting – September 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. *Dave Wilz said if a meeting is needed prior to this date, he will contact everyone. That might be needed if something came up that needed Park Commission approval before the September Parks meeting.*

11) Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. with a motion made by Maurice Stoltz and seconded by Roland Schroeder. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Amman
Parks Commission Secretary
Town of Hull, Portage County