

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE  
PARK COMMISSION  
Donald Wruck Beach Pavilion  
Prairie Springs Park  
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158  
Tuesday, June 5, 2007  
6:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Park Commission was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, 6:00 p.m. Present were Michealene Day, Kathleen Burns, Michael Russert, William Mills and Monica Yuhas. Rita Christiansen was excused. Glenn Christiansen was absent. Also present were John Steinbrink, Jr., Superintendent of Parks; and Ruth Mack, Clerical Secretary.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.**
- 2. ROLL CALL.**
- 3. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MAY 1, 2007 PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.**

**Monica Yuhas moved to approve the Parks Commission Meeting minutes of the May 1, 2007 meeting presented in their written form: Seconded by Michael Russert. Motion carried 5-0.**

- 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
- 5. PARK COMMISSION COMMENTS**
- 6. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. Tour Prairie Springs Park natural area**
  - b. Tour future site of Pleasant Prairie Veterans Memorial**
  - c. Tour future site of Phil Sanders memorial**

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I would like to present our choices for granite markers for the Veterans Memorial. We were limited on the type of and shape of granite by how it is cut at the quarry. The options that we have and the option that's on the top left of the screen is just being a true rectangle with a square up and down with the five plaques with a beveled base where the wording would be. The one on the top right is instead of having a square front it's a little bit more of a beveled front if you can envision that, and then the third option that they

give us was five individual plaques on each one.

The costs are all very similar within a couple hundred dollars. It's just kind of a preference I guess which one that the Park Commission gives recommendation to go ahead and take a look at. It seems like from close viewing distance you can probably see the one that's on the top left a little bit better because it is a little bit beveled and angled back so you don't have to be standing as far back from it. If you like the individual look of the bottom one I guess I'm just kind of opening it up to comments or questions on the three different types of granite markers for the Veterans memorial. Does anyone have any sort of—

Kathleen Burns:

In between those individual ones how big a space is that?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

There's about six inches in between there. And so each of these are eight feet long and about 24 inches high. So, from about the length of the table and actually just about the height of the table but not quite as wide. So the base is probably as wide as this table, the granite piece, and they either kind of bevel it up or just being square on the front face. That's kind of a reference for size and how big it would be.

Michealene Day:

I like the beveled one, the far one—

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

The one at the top right here?

Kathleen Burns:

I like that one to the right.

Michealene Day:

What do you guys think?

Kathleen Burns:

I was just curious sometimes with the space in between I just wonder if stuff would get in there. It would be so easy to stick something in there or leaves or something it could look—

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Sure.

Kathleen Burns:

I think it looked neat until I thought about it. I like the beveled. I think it's kind of neat.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

So we will move forward and get a little bit more on the beveled front then.

Michealene Day:

Do you like that one, Monica?

Monica Yuhas:

That's fine. I'd like to see a sample of the granite.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Okay. I guess at this time if we plan on having it done by Prairie Family Days we would probably have to do something after the meetings. I'm not sure how we'd bring people there in groups of two . . . meeting, but I would definitely go with anyone that wanted to take a look at the granite.

Monica Yuhas:

Is it the gray kind of color?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It is the gray color, that's correct. It has a finished edge on the front. All of the detail for the plaque is actually blasted into the granite. It has the rough granite on the sides and probably a really rough granite on the top. And the reason we wanted to have it rougher on the top is to keep away from the skateboards with a kind of grinding on top of it. They definitely discourage having a smooth finish on the top edges of the base and the platform.

Kathleen Burns:

Will any of those styles be less encouraging for skateboarders? I mean now that I'm

looking at the beveled, would this straight one be less likely to be skateboarded?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I would think that probably the one that's most discouraging obviously is the one at the bottom. And then the second one that's probably the most discouraging is the beveled one. I would guess that the tall square one is probably the most inviting.

Michealene Day:

It's in a pretty public area where there's going to be a lot of people so it would be a lot easier to discourage skateboarders than if you're a little bit off the beaten path. So I don't know that it would be that big of an attraction.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

One of the issues, too, is that by being in a more public place there are more people around, there are more people skateboarding, where at most memorials it's probably not a place that would attract skateboarders. Where Lake Andrea around the path you see skateboarders pretty much every day riding around. So I think that we definitely have the . . . to discourage them probably.

Monica Yuhas:

Quick question for you. With the beveled is it flat to the ground? It's going to be raised, correct?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

If you take that bevel that you have there and you turn that 90 degrees it would be—so the artist rendering that we have on the handout is just a concept rendering and then as we move forward and we talk to the people at the granite it probably costs about two and a half times more to do what we have that's scheduled on there versus what we're doing. So once we got the price back from the granite people and the quarry we started looking at other options that may be a little better cost effective use of our donated money.

So we will move forward on the beveled front and the beveled base. And if anybody wants to see any specific examples of it you can just give me a call at my office and we can schedule some time to go down and take a look at the actual color and the finishing and some more detail.

William Mills:

When will they start to work on it . . . .

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Some of the base foundation work has already started. We plan on probably within the next three weeks you'll see some of the . . . just to make sure we can meet our deadline of Prairie Family Days.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

The Phil Sanders Memorial is something that we are passing a resolution on this evening. We do have the site for it but we really do not plan on having the actual memorial dedicated until we have 100 percent of the funds and it's based off of donations. So it's something that we're having the concept out there so people that are interested to donate or able to. We have all the accounts set up, but we probably won't have it in 2007. It's probably a project that will be completed in 2008, sometime around Earth Day/Arbor Day is kind of our tentative plan for that right now. The next thing we have are our resolutions.

**d. Consider Parks Commission Resolution #07-01 to approve Adopting the Prairie Springs Park Natural Area Des Plaines River Planning Report**

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

The Village over about the last two years has been working on adopting some sort of a master plan that's been in line with The Nature Conservancy recommendations that we have to develop a management plan for the area west of Lake Andrea. There's about 385 acres that's wetland and wooded areas that you took the tour of this evening. One of the things that we need to really start moving forward on this is having this plan in place so that we can apply for more grants to start doing some of the maintenance. And so as soon as this River Planning Report that's already been adopted by the Plan Commission and the Village Board and we've already reviewed it but we have not acted formally on it, so then we can start moving forward and applying for grants so we can start doing some of the maintenance items that are listed in there.

For anything that's not funded by a grant we always a lot of volunteer groups, Timber Lake from the Outlet Mall contacted me the other day. They want to spend about 60 hours on a volunteer project so we're going to have them go and find some of the species, buckthorn, honey mustard and something like that and pull some of those out of there. There's always Eagle Scout projects, Boy Scouts, there's always volunteer projects. So I think that this has been designed in such a fashion that you can really use a combination of grants, community service and volunteers to complete some of the maintenance that's on the report. The staff recommends adoption of the Prairie Springs Natural Area and Des Plaines River Planning Report.

**Monica Yuhas moved to adopt the Prairie Springs Natural Area and Des Plaines River Planning Report. Seconded by Michael Russert. Motion carried 5-0.**

Michealene Day:

Do we sign this, John?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, we can sign it right after the meeting.

**e. Consider Parks Commission Resolution 07-02 to approve Final Plan for Pleasant Prairie Veterans Memorial**

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Then the next one we have is the Village Resolution #07-02 of the Village of Pleasant Prairie Parks Commission adopting the Pleasant Prairie Veterans Memorial Plan. In accordance with the development of the Village of Pleasant Prairie, the Village has created a design concept and plan to construct a memorial to honor the veterans who have served our country; and on March 6, 2007, the Village Park Commission discussed the plan and will take form action to consider its adoption on today, June 5, 2007. The Park Commission and the Village of Pleasant prairie hereby will adopt the Village of Pleasant Prairie Veterans Memorial Plan as prepared. The staff does recommend approval of this resolution to move forward on the Veterans memorial on the site of Prairie Springs Park.

**William Mills moved to approve Final Plan for Pleasant Prairie Veterans Memorial. Seconded by Kathleen Burns. Motion carried 5-0.**

**f. Consider Parks Commission Resolution #07-03 to approve Final Plan for Phil Sanders Memorial**

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

The next item on the agenda is the Village of Pleasant Prairie Parks Commission Resolution 07-03, adopting the Village of Pleasant Prairie Phil Sanders Memorial Plan. In accordance with the development of the Village of Pleasant Prairie, the Village has created a design concept with plans to construct a memorial to honor Phil Sanders. On February 6 the Village Park Commission discussion the plan in detail and will take form action to consider its adoption on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Village Park Commission, the Village of Pleasant prairie is recommended to adopt the Phil Sanders Memorial Plan as prepared by staff.

**Michael Russert moved to approve Final Plan for Phil Sanders Memorial. Seconded by William Mills. Motion carried 5-0.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Monica Yuhas moved to approve motion for adjournment. Seconded by Kathleen Burns. Motion carried 5-0.**