

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Perkins called the meeting to order. Committee members present: Perkins, Marzahl and Szczap. Alderman Adams was absent. Also present were Mayor Nolan, Alderman Logan, City Clerk Wells, City Administrator Nelson, Supt. Parks & Recreation Burkart, Community Development Director Santeler and Mike Bannwolf and Dennis Bischke representing Harvard Milk Days.

Harvard Milk Days' Proposal to Construct a Building at Milky Way Park

Mike Bannwolf reviewed Phase 1 & 2 improvements that Milk Days has put in Milky Way Park over the last six years at an approximate cost of around \$90,000.

Milk Days is proposing the construction of a 40' x 100' building, with a 10' lean to, to be located at the site of the jr. dairy show to be used for the cattle show and the craft show. Off season, the building could be used for storage of various Milk Day equipment (i.e. stage, reviewing stand, float, etc.) and the City could store Parks & Rec equipment. Mike passed around a brochure showing various buildings; Milk Days would like to have a building that would keep with a "dairy barn" theme. General cost for a building package and erection is in the \$50,000 range. Other costs to be determined that are unknown are trenching, footings, foundation/frost wall if needed. Milk Days is proposing a limestone instead of concrete floor as Milk Day has no intent to heat the building. Electrical and water to be installed at a future date.

Community Development Director Santeler indicated that the plans should be designed by an architect. The proposed use for the building would be a place of public assembly which requires certain criteria: ingress/egress, ADA requirements for handicap accessibility for disabled persons, total occupancy, etc., and an architect would need to be hired in some capacity to determine what needs to be included and to make sure all safeguards are in place. Washrooms wouldn't necessarily need to be included unless a food service was located inside. Steve also noted that the foundation isn't critical as long as the building isn't heated. If there is climate control in the building then you would have to go below the frost line.

Chairman Perkins noted that the parks budget may allow for funds to be put towards the proposal over a period of time which might allow for all the upgrades to be done at one time. Mike noted that Milk Days has budgeted some funds and is not requesting City money at this time. One sponsor is earmarking specific dollar amounts each year which Milk Days is matching, but the project could be expanded to more than one sponsor.

Mayor Nolan reminded the Committee/Milk Day that once the building is constructed on City property, it becomes a City building and not a Milk Day building. The Mayor would like to see uniformity of color in park so the proposed building should blend in with existing structures.

Alderman Szczap was in favor of a foundation, but didn't want the project to go over budget; also would rather not see a barn style building.

Alderman Marzahl didn't feel a foundation would be necessary, but recommended that a concrete floor be required as a control method to prevent well contamination.

The Committee was in agreement with the general concept to allow Milk Days to proceed, working with Community Development Director Santeler, to have a proposal put together for a 40' x 100' pole style barn with a couple drawings for further Committee review. Steve again recommended that Milk Days employ an architect. City Clerk Wells noted that the proposal would also require a hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Milk Days is also requesting consideration to expand to the east of the grounds to put in a grandstand and arena part of which is currently used for soccer to open up different entertainment venues. Chairman Perkins requested additional information with respect to the grandstand and arena.

At 7:08 p.m., moved by Marzahl, seconded by Perkins to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Darrell Perkins, Chairman