

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Perkins called the meeting to order. Committee members present: Perkins, Adams, Leyden and Szczap. Also present were Mayor Nolan, Aldermen Marzahl, Logan and Opper, City Administrator Nelson, Supt. Parks and Recreation Burkart, Mike Bannwolf, Dennis Bischke and Don Larson.

Lions Club Request/Disc Golf Tournament in July at Lion's Park

Don Larson outlined the Lion's Club proposal to hold a Disc Golf Tournament at Lion's Park in July or August. The Lion's Club is working with a group in Crystal Lake to organize and advertise the event, but they haven't determined the scope or full details yet. No approval is required at this time, but the general consensus was that it was good idea. The Lion's Club will keep the Committee informed.

Harvard Milk Days/Improvements to Milky Way Park

Mike Bannwolf outlined Harvard Milk Days' proposal for improvements at Milky Way Park to put in 1,150' of new limestone paths as indicated on the submitted letter and map. The cost of the improvements is approximately \$7,000 plus excavation costs. Mike related that if the conditions are such that Milk Day has to make repairs to the grounds after Milk Day weekend, some, if not all of the proposed improvements would be made right after Milk Days, depending on funds that Milk Day has available and the final decision of the Milk Day Board. At Alderman Leyden's inquiry about putting in additional fields in the future, Supt. Burkart reported that they measured everything and there can still be two soccer fields on both sides where the new path is proposed. Moved by Szczap, seconded by Adams to recommend to the City Council approval of the proposal for the improvements to Milky Way Park to put in the paths as discussed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mike asked the Committee to think about future consideration of use of the grass area to the east of the blacktopped path that exists now for other facilities and/or improvements. A number of items have been talked about: band shell, grandstands and arena. There has been no formal discussion by the Milk Day Board.

Mayor Nolan noted for the record that the City appreciates the improvements to the park, but they do become City property upon completion.

Mike further asked the Committee to consider granting Harvard Milk Days permission to widen the existing blacktop entrance to Milky Way Park before the festival weekend, at Harvard Milk Days' expense, first by putting in limestone and eventually blacktopping the additional width. Mike suggested that the area to be widened could be marked by paint to be approved by City staff before the improvement is made. After discussion, moved by Leyden, seconded by Perkins to grant Mayor Nolan, Chairman Perkins and City Staff the authority to proceed and work with Harvard Milk Days on the proposed improvement to widen the existing blacktop entrance. All ayes. Motion carried.

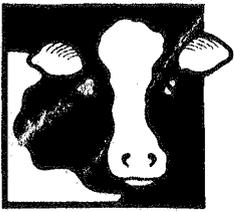
Increase Park Rental Fees

Supt. Burkart outlined staff proposal to amend Section 6.13(H)5, Parks, Fee Requirement, to increase the park rental fee by \$10 and to eliminate the \$15 security deposit for the small groups 1-50. Supt. Burkart reported that most of the park rentals are for small groups and there has only been one time that he can remember where the security deposit was actually cashed. Eliminating the security deposit would also reduce the paperwork involved to keep track of and return the security deposit. The security deposit for the larger groups would remain in place. Moved by Adams, seconded by Szczap to recommend to the City Council that staff recommendation be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 7:00 p.m., moved by Adams, seconded by Leyden to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Szczap to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Darrell Perkins, Chairman



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Dear Committee Members:

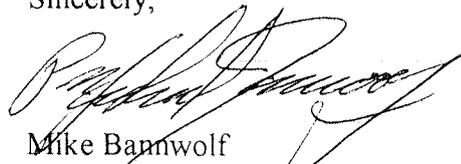
Harvard Milk Days Grounds Committee requests approval of the following improvements for Milky Way Park.

1. Excavate existing topsoil to a depth required to install a limestone path as noted on attached drawing. This path would be approximately 12 ft. in width and 6 inches in depth.
2. Make improvements to the grass areas using topsoil as noted above. This will allow us to fill low areas where water pockets and/or holes exist. After filling with topsoil, we would seed areas as required.
3. Future consideration of use of grass area, east of blacktopped walkway, for other facilities and/or improvements.

Harvard Milk Day will take care of all expense related to items 1 and 2 noted above.

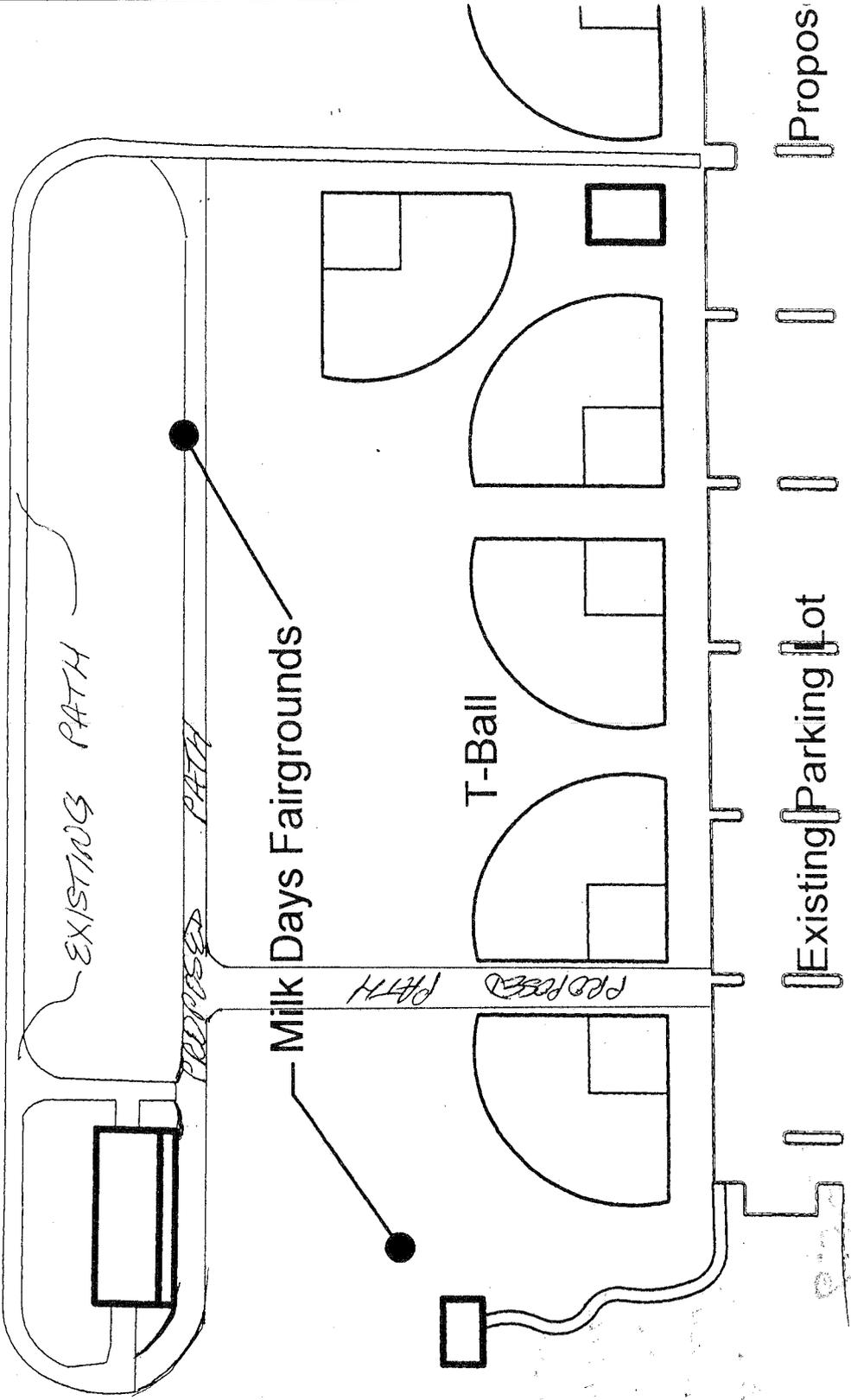
As always, Harvard Milk Day appreciates your consideration and approval of these improvements.

Sincerely,



Mike Bannwolf
Grounds Chairman

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