

AGENDA
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Kenosha Municipal Building - Room 202
Monday, October 10, 2011 - 5:00 pm

Chairman: Michael J. Orth
Commissioner: Jesse L. Downing
Commissioner: Lawrence Green

Vice Chair: Rocco J. LaMacchia, Sr.
Commissioner: Anthony Kennedy

Call to Order
Roll Call

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on September 26, 2011.

C. REFERRED TO COMMISSION

C-1. Request from Southport School Singers for a waiver of fees to use the Southport Beach House for November, 2011.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

1. Communication from the Department of Natural Resources regarding the Red Swamp Cray Fish at Poerio Park Pond.

DIRECTOR AND/OR SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS
CITIZEN COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

IF YOU ARE DISABLED AND NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL 653-4052 BEFORE THIS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING, AND ALTHOUGH THIS MAY CONSTITUTE A QUORUM OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL WILL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS MEETING.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of Meeting held Monday, September 26, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held on Monday, September 26, 2011, in Room 202 of the Kenosha Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Chairman Orth.

At roll call, the following members were present: Commissioners LaMacchia, Downing, Kennedy and Green. Staff members in attendance were Jeff Warnock, Superintendent of Parks and Cathy Honeyager, Civil Engineer II.

It was moved by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner LaMacchia, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, September 12, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

C-1. Request from Peace Learning Circles to waive fees for use of the Southport Beach House.

Public Hearing: Dennis Wikel, Board President of Peace Learning Circles; 8566-226th Ave, Salem, WI was present and spoke.

Staff/Alderman: Jeff Warnock spoke.

It was moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner LaMacchia, to approve with staff recommendation to deny the request to waive the fees. After discussion, it was then moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner LaMacchia to amend the motion and approve the request to waive the fees. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Bike Path Maps – Cathy Honeyager was present to answer any questions & asked for any suggestions. Chairman Orth and Commissioner Green made a few suggestions.

Commissioner Green requested putting the new city logo on the maps. Chairman Orth recommended putting how many miles to Racine, Chicago, etc. on the North & South ends of the maps. Also any sponsorship could be the size of a business card. Any other suggestions should be emailed to Shelly Billingsley in Engineering.

Monthly Events

DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS: Jeff Warnock informed the Committee that he will be getting bike trail maps from the County for the Committees review. He indicated that he is pricing out the Ice Arena at the Golf Course and making sure the funds come out of the Golf Course account. He also informed the Committee about establishing a Cross Country skiing & sledding hill by the Clubhouse.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Park Commissioners it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to adjourn at 5:28 pm.



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October 5, 2011

TO: Chairman Michael Orth
Board of Park Commissioners

FROM: Jeff Warnock, Park Superintendent

RE: Southport School Singers

A request has been received from the Southport School Singers to hold a fundraiser at the Southport Beachhouse in early November. The group has lost their main source of funding and are looking to for new fundraising options for the group. This is the first year the the group is requesting would be using the facility and sponsorship.

Cost: \$40.00 per hour rental with a 4-hour minimum would be \$160.00

Recommendation: To approve the event and deny sponsorship as per policy

Board of Parks Commissioners

3617 65th St

Kenosha WI 53142

RE: Waiving of Fees for Southport Beach House

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Southport Singers. The Southport Singers the choir group of 4th and 5th graders from Southport Elementary School that perform at various functions around Kenosha and Southeastern Wisconsin.

This year, our group has been faced with a challenge. We have lost our main source of fundraising for the year and are now faced with having little to no money available to us so that our group can continue to perform.

We are currently looking at doing a Holiday concert/Dinner for a new fundraising option, and are hoping to use the Southport Beach house for our event. The weekend that we are looking at is Saturday December 3rd. We understand the rate is \$40/hour with a 4 hour min. Due to our financial situation this year, we are asking if you could please consider waiving or reducing the fee for our group.

Any assistance that you can give us is very much appreciated! We have a fantastic group of kids that are excellent performers :)

Sincerely-

Cristina Oglesby

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October 7, 2011

To: Michael Orth, Chairman
 Park Commission

From: Michael M. Lemens, P.E.
 Interim Director of Public Works

Subject: ***INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Peorio Pond***

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff has received a letter from the Department of Natural Resources regarding the next step in dealing with the Red Swamp Crayfish in one of the ponds in Peorio Park. The DNR is requiring that the City of Kenosha fill the infected pond for a minimum of 2 years with materials other than soil, which could include, but is not limited to, crushed concrete or asphalt millings and excavate an specified area around the perimeter. The DNR has received a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Grant to aid in the removal of Red Swamp Crayfish in Wisconsin. All of the cost associated with the DNR's requirement is reimbursable through this grant program.

The City, under state statutes (NR 40), does have the requirement of removing an invasive species and therefore is subject to these requirements if the City chooses to not participate in the GLRI funding opportunity.

However, in filling the basin there are two underlying issues that need to be discussed which are:

- The handicap fishing pier and whether this should be removed and a new structure built at a different location.
- Or the option of re-excavating the basin after the specified time limit of the DNR

RECOMMENDATION

Informational Only – No Action Required



September 20, 2011

Mr. Jeff Warnock
Park Superintendent
City of Kenosha
3617 65th Street
Kenosha, WI 53142

Dear Mr. Warnock,

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has been awarded a federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant to contain and eradicate red swamp crayfish from Wisconsin. A copy of the grant award is enclosed for your review. As part of this project, the Department proposes to eliminate, by filling in, the small pond at Sam Poerio Park, City of Kenosha, in fall of 2011 in order to eradicate red swamp crayfish (*Procambarus clarkii*) from this location. In discussions with City of Kenosha Parks and Public Works staff, it was decided that this project could be accomplished using City staff and equipment under the direction of State Aquatic Invasive Species team experts. All costs associated with this project, including fill material, will be covered by the GLRI grant and would be reimbursed through a Local Aids Agreement once the costs are calculated.

Red swamp crayfish (RSC) were first discovered in Sam Poerio Park pond by DNR fisheries staff in fall, 2009 after being alerted by a member of the public. RSC are native to southern United States, but in Wisconsin they are an exotic, invasive species. Introduction of RSC in other states and countries has led to competition and predation on native crayfish to the point where RSC have supplanted the native crayfish populations. Red swamp crayfish burrow extensively into the banks near the waterline, resulting in bank failure and shoreline erosion. They also prey upon young fish, fish eggs and the eggs and young of amphibians, thus reducing their overall population abundance. During periods of drought these crayfish can remain burrowed for an extended time (years) and reemerge when conditions are favorable. They are also known to move overland up to 2 miles in order to find new habitat. They grow quickly and can reproduce in the same year in which they were born. If allowed to become established in open waterways where containment is not an option, control will not be possible.

At this time, red swamp crayfish are only known to be present in the Sam Poerio Park pond and in 2 ponds in the Village of Germantown. To address these 3 occurrences, the Department has developed a plan in consultation with national and international experts to contain and eradicate red swamp crayfish in Wisconsin. Our efforts at Sam Poerio so far have included constructing a barrier to prevent crayfish migration out of the pond; removal of RSC by use of baited traps; drawdown of the pond to freeze and/or desiccate RSC in their burrows; and treatment of the water, exposed bed, crayfish burrows, and near shore area with chlorine and Pyronyl, an EPA approved pesticide. Although we were successful in killing red swamp crayfish in the pond itself, we have not been able to effectively treat crayfish that have burrowed deeply into the banks of the pond. However, our containment and population reduction efforts have prevented the spread of RSC out of the 3 locations. Nearby waters have been monitored since fall 2009 to detect any out-migration, and none has been found.

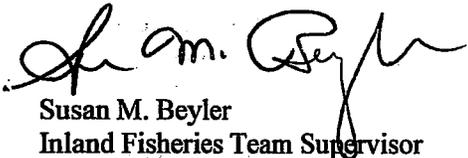
Our proposal requires that the banks of the pond be excavated 5 feet deep and 5 feet laterally around the entire pond perimeter. The excavated material will be placed in the center of the pond and then packed down to collapse burrows. Then, the pond will be filled to grade with gravel or other material such as ground asphalt or concrete to entomb the crayfish and the burrow habitat. Topsoil and seed can then be placed on top, if desired. The pond

should remain filled for 2 to 5 years, during which time the Department will continue to monitor the surrounding area for RSC to assure a complete kill. Once the Department determines that there is no longer a risk of releasing RSC from this site the pond can be re-excavated, if the City desires.

We are currently working with the Village of Germantown to fill in the smaller of the 2 ponds in Germantown using the same method. The Village has received a donation of milled pavement material from an area roadway project. I encourage the City of Kenosha to seek a similar donation, if possible, to reduce the cost of the project. The Department will assist the City with all necessary permits in order to accomplish this project.

As of September 1, 2009, all non-native crayfish species (except rusty crayfish, *Orconectes rusticus*) are prohibited species and, pursuant to NR 40, cannot be bought, sold, transported or possessed live in the State of Wisconsin. As long as red swamp crayfish are present in Sam Poerio Park pond, the City of Kenosha is in violation of NR 40. Filling in Sam Poerio Park pond will eliminate both the RSC and their habitat at this location, thereby eliminating any legal liability by the City, as well as eliminating the risk of this population spreading to nearby waterways and, potentially, Lake Michigan. We look forward to working with the City of Kenosha to eradicate this detrimental exotic species. If you have any questions regarding this proposal please do not hesitate to call me at the number below.

Sincerely,



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