

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009  
ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL, 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Robert Gille, Bob Michels, Steve Bostedt, Peter Hentges, Ellen Schumacher, and Brad Lange

MODIFY/ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Peter Hentges to adopt the agenda, and Bob Michels seconded. All ayes.

ELECTOR OF CHAIRPERSON

Bob Michels nominated Robert Gille as chairperson. Seconded by Ellen Schumacher. All ayes.

REVIEW & INPUT ON KIWANIS  
AND HOFFMAN ROAD STORM  
WATER TREATMENT PROJECTS

Craig Berndt, Director of Public Works, Brad Werner, & McMahon Associates presented the design of the Kiwanis Park pond to the committee for input. The committee made the following recommended changes to the design:

1. *Change the trail intersections to be more gradual & wider for safety of the users.*
2. *Add a viewing/resting area on the northwest portion of the pond.*
3. *Look at relocating the playground to the east.*

REVIEW/RECOMMEND/REQUEST  
FOR TRAIL CONNECTION AT  
SUNSET PARK

Motion by Peter Hentges to open the meeting for public comment. Seconded by Bob Michels. All ayes.

Several neighbors of Sunset Park were present, as well as other Allouez Residents. The following is a summary of both supporters and opposers of a trail connection:

Peter Andrews – Gave presentation regarding why he wants a trail; allows walkers and bikes.

Nancy Blahsly – She walks, bikes, etc. for years. She has not seen any problems getting to the trail. Nancy objects to anything being put in the park.

Linda McKeg – Rollerbladers have crashed on the grass. Favors trail; would like it safer. Could have families use the park.

Terry Watermolen – Lives next to park; does not want trail. He feels there is enough access to the trail. It is a small park; not meant to be a large park. Few areas left to just sit and enjoy. Leave park alone.

Richard Wilson – Remembers the trail discussion 20 years ago. The Fox River Trail is the most used trail in the state. We need a connection to the trail. Encourage access to the trail; not discourage people. Make trail accessible for those who are wheelchair bound.

Becky Meart – Supports access to the trail.

Trence Labner – Questions whether or not the trail would make a difference, due to the heavy use that already exists. What's the big deal if you have to walk vs. riding bike?

Robert Bernhart – There could be problems with black top, but could be designed to eliminate public park & public access.

Bob B. - Lives on Sunset Circle; uses trail every day. Before the trail is put in; see how the sidewalk works on Riverside first.

Kathy Heverness – She is a tax payer also, and should have easy access to all parks. Doesn't feel Fox Point is a good place to access the trail. Feels minimal distraction with trail being put in.

Ryna Bernhart – Uses trail a lot; feels trail connection would be good.

Barbara – Families with strollers need access.

Jeff Kamenski – Who would maintain trail?

Bruce S. - Uses the trail 60+ times a year. Hold off until sidewalk is in and used. Will bikes be allowed on sidewalk?

Motion by Steve Bostedt to return to regular business. Seconded by Bob Michels. All ayes.

Peter Hentges wants more details about the proposed sidewalk on Riverside, as well as other access points to the trail.

Motion by Peter Hentges to have Park & Recreation Director, summer Intern, and Craig Berndt look into options & cost. Bring information back to the September 22, 2009, Park & Recreation Meeting for final recommendation to the Village Board. Seconded by Bob Michels  
All ayes.

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Steve Bostedt to adjourn. Seconded by Bob Michels to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All ayes.

Minutes taken by Brad Lange.

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Brad Lange  
Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry