



Board of Park Commissioners

Special Untelevised

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
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Final Minutes

Monday, January 7, 2019

6:00 PM

De Pere Community Center, Lower Level

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board Member George Brown

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ryan Jennings	Aldersperson	Present	
Larry Lueck	Aldersperson	Present	
Dean Raasch	Aldersperson	Present	
George Brown	Board Member	Present	
Sue Schinkten	Board Member	Present	
Randy Soquet	Board Member	Present	
Bill Volpano	Board Member	Excused	
Lydia McMorrow	Teen Advisor	Excused	
William Soquet	Teen Advisor	Late	7:00 PM

II. Discussion Item

1. Public input session regarding new pool designs at Legion and VFW Parks. **Discussed**

Randy Soquet moved to open the meeting to public comments at 6:02 pm, seconded by Aldersperson Raasch. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

George Brown stated the purpose of the meeting is to get public input on what amenities are desired at the two new aquatic facilities.

Aldersperson Lueck explained the referendum questions and why they were structured the way they were. There are only two options for a binding referendum; either a one year binding or a perpetual referendum without an end date. The perpetual option was chosen so the cost could be spread out over years. The exact locations were stated so there was no debating where the facilities will be located. The term "aquatic facility" was chosen so the funds could be used on the entire property, not just the pools. The tax bills that were issued this year included the increase for the aquatic center referendum. Taxes will not increase that same percentage every year for the referendum.

Marty Kosobucki gave an overview of the pool planning process, stating the VFW pool experienced major structural damage and demolition will happen in 2019. The intent is to start with the VFW aquatic center and leave Legion pool open until VFW is complete. Once VFW is open, then the Legion aquatic center would be started. With the uncertainty of what the community wants, there is no budget established yet. The input received from this meeting will be combined with the information obtained from the online survey. The park board will then meet with the design consultants to get two preliminary designs and the public will then have another opportunity to speak on the designs.

Gale Hawver, Katie Carviou, Mark Howe, Danette VandeHei, Donovan VandeHei, Joshua Tollefson, Brandy Tollefson, Beth Trofka, Adrienne Burns, Shannon VandeHei, Suzy Caldwell, Bailey Caldwell and Christine Wolff all provided comments on the aquatic center designs.

Randy Soquet made a motion to return to regular order at 7:00 pm, seconded by Aldersperson Jennings. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

George Brown explained that the information from the online survey will be combined with the information received tonight. This information will be given to the consultants to come up with preliminary designs, which will then be presented to the public.

III. Action Item

1. Consider additional amendment to Graef Agreement for pool design.***Adopted [Unanimous]**

Marty Kosobucki explained that the original amendment with Graef was to include two preliminary designs for both VFW and Legion. After the meeting, it was discussed to include the designs for both aquatic centers together. With talking with Graef, there is no price difference between the options. The time line would be pushed back, but it will be extremely difficult for VFW to be constructed and open in 2020.

Discussion followed.

Alderson Raasch has concerns with the increase in construction costs if the design for VFW is delayed. He thinks we need to move forward with VFW first and then move onto Legion. With VFW being down it is a priority to get VFW open as soon as possible. George Brown questioned the timeline and if Graef has the staff available to do both designs at the same time.

Alderson Jennings feels that the general features of both aquatic centers should be established at the same time. Not necessarily the full aquatic design, just the amenities at each facility.

Alderson Raasch agrees that the general features and conceptual design for both aquatic centers should be done at the same time; however, keep moving forward with VFW.

George Brown feels there is a need to address both pool together and establish the general features that will be at each center, but then focus on VFW.

Alderson Jennings commented that there is a need to know the project costs for each facility for budget purposes.

Marty Kosobucki stated with the existing agreement, the timeline is within a month of each other.

Randy Soquet commented that with the current timeline being only a month apart, we should continue with the original agreement.

Alderson Raasch made a motion to continue with the existing agreement with Graef for aquatic center design, seconded by Randy Soquet. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment Period

Marty Kosobucki stated that there will be a summary and tabulation of all the comments in the park board agenda.

Alderson Jennings expressed the importance for residents to stay involved throughout the entire process.

V. Adjournment

Alderson Jennings motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm, seconded by Alderson Raasch. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

No Vote

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Lahtela