

**CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
PARKING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019**

1. Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:30P.M. Notice of the meeting was provided to the *Dells Events*, WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

Present: Ald. Ben Anderson, Mayor Ed Wojnicz, Ald. Mike Freel, Public Works/Utilities Director David Holzem, Police Chief Jody Ward, and Keith Koehler.

Excused: Dan Anchor and Nick Morse

Others: Ald. Terry Marshall, City Clerk/Coordinator Nancy Holzem, Jenifer Dobbs from the WDVCB and Jim Losleben from ZEF Energy

2. Motion by Koehler seconded by Ald. Freel to approve the March 25, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Proposal for Electric Car Charging Stations

Jim Losleben from ZEF Energy attended the meeting and gave a presentation providing information on electric vehicle charging stations. The charging unit that he is proposing costs between \$60,000-\$65,000 per unit. Depending on the size of the charging station, vehicle charges can take anywhere from 30 minutes to several hours. According to Jim, a \$27,000 federal grant is currently available towards the purchase but only until the end of the year. Questions brought up were: how many stations would be needed and at what locations, what charging levels should be offered, are there other funding sources available to assist with the costs, what rates would be charged to the customer, what regulations will the Public Service Commission (PSC) have on these, how do you control how long a car stays in a charging location, is this a service the city should provide or should they be privately owned, what is the maintenance/operational costs and life expectancy of the machines, and what are the costs from comparable companies. Chairperson Anderson stated that the board would need more information and more time to research these questions before making any decisions. Motion by Koehler seconded by Ald. Freel to table this item. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Use of New Parking Lots by WDVCB

The board discussed whether or not to allow tents to be staked in the new parking lot areas by City Hall once they have been completed. Jenifer Dobbs from the WDVCB stated that due to the large size of the tent for the Dells on Tap Festival, stakes have to be used instead of concrete blocks to weight the tent down. Public Works Director David Holzem stated that pounding stakes in black top weakens the integrity of it and also provides entrance points for water to get in under the surface; however he stated that he understands the importance of events in the downtown area. Ald. Freel stated that downtown events have a far greater financial impact on local businesses which outweighs the cost of future repairs that may be needed to the lot. Motion by Ald. Freel seconded by Koehler, to allow tent stakes to be used for Dells on Tap with the WDVCB being responsible to make sure the holes are properly plugged after the event to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works and Chief of Police. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Future agenda item to include continued discussion regarding electric vehicle parking areas. No date was set for the next meeting.
6. Motion by Koehler seconded by Ald. Freel to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:40P.M.

Nancy Holzem
City Clerk/Coordinator