

**City of Delano
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes from Wednesday, April 2, 2008**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35

Roll Call:

Mary Ditty, Vice Chairperson
Phil Kern, City Administrator
Joe Schleper, Chairperson
Heather Motzko
Anders

Approval of Agenda

Without objection the Committee approved the agenda and added:

A) Discussion of choosing a day for the High School students to spruce up Central Park.

Review of Minutes of February 28th, 2007 Park and Recreation Committee

The Committee reviewed the minutes and approved without objection.

Order of Business:

1) Discussion with soccer groups regarding field availability.

Ryan and Tracey Mohr from Delano Youth Soccer approached the committee to discuss the future of Delano Soccer. Last year there were 335 participants in the program, 63% from Delano. 4-5 teams per age group. This year they are looking to have 375 participants and will not have enough fields or coaches. The program will start after t-ball and softball and we carry over in to the school year. They are asking the committee to look at the possibility of more soccer fields in future planning. The sizes of the fields vary by age. 25'x30' for 5-10 yr. olds, 55x80 for 11-12 year olds, and 110x70 for 13+ yr. olds.

Problems last year was scheduling. They ran into HS and Middle School practices and teams and several times had to practice in parking lots.

Commission asked that the Mohr's come back after this year and to let them know how many more fields they think they would need for each age group.

2) Consider amended summer recreation funding applications.

A) In the February 28th meeting the Commission asked the Gymnastics applicant to consider increasing the length of the program and expanding the age of participants served and resubmit the request. The applicant extended the ages but not the dates due to the fact that there is already a gymnastics program during the summer. The Committee felt that this was more of a camp and not a program.

The Motion was made by Mary Ditty, second by Mike Lindquist not to approve the funding for this program. Motion passed 7-0.

B) In the February 28th meeting the Commission asked the Discovery Zone applicants to submit an application for the Summer Trek Middle School program to get an additional \$2500 in funding. The applicant fulfilled the wishes of the Commission.

Motioned was made by Chris Hart, second by Mike Lindquist to approve the additional funding for the Summer Trek program. Motion passed 7-0.

3) Discuss ball field construction schedule.

Phil reported that the ball field schedule is on track and that the bid has been published. Bids will be back to review in the April 24th, 2007 Park and Recreation Commission meeting. Between July 15-20th construction will start. Possible location of Press Box was discussed. The commission asked Phil to check on the cost of lights for future expansion.

4) Discuss request for volleyball court rehabilitation.

Phil was asked to discuss the Volleyball courts behind band shell in Central Park by a group of citizens that play sand volleyball on a regular basis. A petition signed by 20 people was presented to Phil. The sand, VB nets and standards are in very bad shape. The cost to upgrade the facility would be \$600 for the standards, \$400 for the net, \$1500 for 9-12" thick sand.

Motion was made by Mike Lindquist to table this item until next meeting so the Committee could look at Central Park for another location for the Volleyball court.

5) Other items from previous meetings.

Mike has received several compliments about how nice it was to have the warming house up this year.

F.I.T.S (Fun In The Sun) budget will be put together for next meeting. Park Board members are asked to come to the meeting with ideas on how to make the program better.

Tiger Trails Grant is a grant for walking and fitness trails for kids who don't get bussed to school. Should hear the end of April on whether the City got the grant or not.

May 18th or 19th was chosen for the dates for the Highschool students to spruce up Central Park.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.