

**MINUTES**  
**PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, June 24, 2009**  
**6:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joe Schleper called the Park and Recreation Committee meeting Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 6:37 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Members Present:** Joe Schleper, Chair  
Mary Ditty, Vice Chair  
Jean Kopp, Secretary  
Heather Motzko

**Members Absent:** Chris Hart  
Betsy Stolfa, Council Member Liaison  
Mike Lindquist

**Also Present:** Holly Schrupp, Council Liaison  
Phil Kern, City Administrator  
Ernie Eden, Public Works Director  
Wendy Biel, Recorder

**3. MINUTES**

There was none.

**4. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**A. Update on Westridge Hills playground**

Phil Kern informed the Committee that Council has approved the Landscape Structures (LSI) Rocks and Ropes park concept, the curbing cost and ground cover, and the placement of a swing set at the playground in Westridge Hills. Kern explained the original park concept was redesigned by LSI for structural improvements. Installation is tentatively scheduled for late summer. Ernie Eden said curbing both at this park and Maple Knoll would begin Thursday, June 25, 2009.

**B. Update on Barb King Park**

Landscape Structures had submitted an application requesting the park be named: Barb King Inspiration Park. Discussion continues between LSI and Staff of site schematics; anticipated date for full application is August 2009. The playground

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equipment, signage, curbing and ground cover may be fully donated by LSI; the City is reviewing costs for all other aspects of site work. Due to the costs of grading, stormwater, possible Pavilion and sports fields, this may be scheduled in phases for cost efficiency.

Members discussed the best use of funds available; noting they are very grateful for all the equipment donated by LSI for this park and other parks throughout the City. At the next meeting, members will be driving to each park in order to evaluate needs and updates necessary.

**C. Update on Dog Park**

Kern brought the Members through the progression of the Dog Park. Originally costs were \$14,000.00 and although approved by this Committee, Council requested a re-evaluation to lower costs. Staff then submitted a proposal of \$9,000.00; the difference was due to lowering the fence to 4 feet and modifying the size to 3 acres.

Staff also requested feedback from residents through a Dog Park Survey; presently the ratio is approximately 2:1 opposing the park at this time. Committee Members were disappointed due to the park would pay for itself through user fees, a feat most of the Delano current parks are unable to match.

**D. Update on Community Garden at Central Park**

Ernie Eden explained the great success of the Community Garden. The plots are well maintained and feel there is a unity amongst participants; they are all focused on maintaining and improving the area. Kern mentioned that the Garden Club continues to meet maintaining the guidelines and obligations agreed upon by each participant.

**E. Progress on Delano Recreation Web Site (any missing links?)**

Kern noted many updates to [www.delanorecreation.com](http://www.delanorecreation.com), routes available on [www.mapmyrun.com](http://www.mapmyrun.com), and access to [www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com).

**F. Update on Adopt-a-Park**

Kern notified Members of the 18 groups participating in this program; signage has been installed along trails and at parks noting the volunteer organization. Staff will

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follow-up with appreciation for each group and continued encouragement through printed media.

**G. Review ongoing project list and previous agenda items**

Kern explained the upcoming budget process and the possible funds available through the General Fund for future Park and Recreation projects; ongoing status of current projects were also discussed. Future meetings are tentatively being scheduled for July 22, 2009 and August 12, 2009.

Ernie Eden gave a brief update on the skateboard park located at Central Park. Eden complimented the kids noting they are very respectful of the equipment and are helpful in maintaining this area.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss the Park & Recreation Meeting of Wednesday, June 24, 2009 was adjourned at 7:44 PM.