

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 30, 2009
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Schleper called the Park and Recreation Committee meeting Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 5:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Members Present: Joe Schleper, Chair
Mary Ditty, Vice Chair
Jean Kopp, Secretary
Mike Lindquist
Heather Motzko
Chris Hart

Members Absent: Holly Schrupp, Council Member Liaison

Also Present: Phil Kern, City Administrator
Ernie Eden, Public Works Director
Wendy Biel, Recorder

3. Order of Business

A. Discuss requests from Delano Athletic Club

Mr. Steve Eilen and Mr. Jim Janzen presented the proposal to add a batting cage area and a possible Concession Stand location at Manor Field. Mr. Eilen and Mr. Janzen discussed with Committee Members appropriate base material, fencing material, maintenance needs, and power accessibility.

Motion by Chris Hart, seconded by Mary Ditty to approve the location of the batting cage along the first baseline at Manor Field.

The Delano Athletic Club agreed to compile bids for design and construction of batting cage.

B. Review 2010 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

- **Highland Ridge/Clover Springs Playground**
- **Rebecca Park Estates Playground**
- **Barb King Inspiration Park**

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Committee Members reviewed the emails submitted from home owners both from Clover Springs and Rebecca Park Estates regarding playground equipment. Members were in agreement to the desire of developing these neighborhood parks, however due to budget restraints future growth is suspended until additional finances become available.

Phil Kern updated Members regarding Council's interest in working with Landscape Structures Inc. to develop the Woodland Meadow Park. Council felt that by working with LSI to create another public park to the west side of town enhancing Woodland Meadows, and giving an accessible park option for Westridge Hills, Clover Springs, and Highland Ridge developments.

Members discussed installing a soccer field instead a baseball field at the Barb King Inspiration Park. Kern will follow up with LSI and the City Engineer to see if a soccer field could be incorporated into the design.

C. Consider request to rename manor ballfield at Central Park to Dave Zitzloff Field

Motion approved with Item 3E.

D. Discuss additional Manor Field improvements

- **Scoreboard**
- **Moving bandshell for seating area**

Ernie Eden reviewed the previous request to install a scoreboard behind right field at Manor Field. However, during boring testing a water line was discovered negating the possibility for this location. Eden suggested moving the score board behind left field; this site had been tested and cleared for a possible location. Eden also suggested that by running the power source out to left field, this may be an asset should a concession stand be built in the future.

Eden reviewed the bid for the scoreboard installation. Chris Hart reviewed the donation available from the Baseball Youth Association towards the installation. Eden will balance out the donation, total costs and balance remaining and present a timeline for installation. Members suggested utilizing the donation money towards footings, electrical work and scoreboard structural support this fall; additional fundraising could continue through spring 2010 to assist in the final installation for the scoreboard.

E. Consider request to rename Woodland Meadows Park to Barb King Inspiration Park.

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Motion by Mary Ditty, seconded by Jean Kopp to approve request rename of Woodland Meadows Park to Barb King Inspiration Park pending the addition of the City Logo to the signage.

F. Update regarding Bridge Avenue/Highway 12 aesthetics projects

Phil Kern updated Members on the “When the West Was Done” festivities scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2009. Due to weather challenges, the completion date cannot be determined. The weather forecast for Saturday predicts snow; this will also hinder completion of the project. Kopp encouraged Members that regardless of rain or snow, the events will go on as scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2009.

G. Update from Public Works projects.

Ernie Eden discussed the Elementary School playground equipment that was donated prior to the installation of the new playground. The salvaged pieces are to be considered parts of the playground and cannot be used as completed sections; Eden said that he will work with LSI for the best way to utilize the equipment while ensuring all safety standards.

H. Update on previous discussed items.

Members discussed moving the bandshell from Central Park. Eden will have to evaluate the condition of the bandshell for future use at a different location. Discussion on the Riverfront Restoration continued for ways to match possible grant funds for a canoe launch. Members questioned the possibility of creating a parking lot for access to the canoe launch and / or River Walk Trail(s).

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the Park & Recreation Meeting of Wednesday, September 30, 2009 was adjourned at 7:15 PM.