

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 19, 2009
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Schleper called the Park and Recreation Committee meeting Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 5:42 PM.

2. ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Members Present: Joe Schleper, Chair
Mary Ditty, Vice Chair
Mike Lindquist
Heather Motzko
Holly Schrupp, Council Member Liaison

Members Absent: Jean Kopp, Secretary
Chris Hart

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

3. Order of Business

- A. Accept Applications for renaming municipal parks/facilities, start process for review.**
- (a.) Dave Zitloff Field**
 - (b.) Barb King Inspirational Park**

Phil Kern reviewed the applications and the renaming process with Committee Members. Members will have an opportunity to hear public comments about these naming recommendations at the succeeding meeting; afterwards, the Park and Recreation Board will make their proposal to the Council based on the merits of the applications.

- B. Update/Discuss Central Park Improvements.**

No discussion or motion was made.

- C. Review July Tour, discuss future tours.**

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Members reviewed the park tour from July 22, 2009; highlighting repair and maintenance issues and individual playground needs (i.e. additional turf material, additional and/or updated equipment, etc).

D. Review Capital Improvement Plan for 2010 – 2011.

Phil Kern reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan pertaining to the Park and Recreation Departments Projects and Projects Funding Source. Members discussed six projects, listing them by priority and allocation of funding projected through 2014.

E. Discuss Neighborhood Monument policy.

Phil Kern reviewed the Neighborhood Monument policy, Scope of Work form and Neighborhood Liaison Registration form initiated by Staff. The purpose of these proposals is to outline a process for neighborhood groups to add different landscaping features, select a contact person within these interested neighborhood groups, and generate standard forms for submission to the City for any landscape feature alterations.

F. Discuss future park improvements.

Joe Schleper suggested the possibility of recycling playground equipment. Kern noted that Delano Elementary School is receiving new playground equipment and has offered the older pieces to the City. Ernie Eden will inspect and evaluate the available equipment.

Mike Lindquist talked about the Highway 12 Riverfront Restoration area and its many opportunities. He cited creating an artful trail along the Riverfront; giving local sculptors an chance to showcase their art along the trail. Also building a fishing pier and / or a canoe launch and a parking lot that would also have an easy access to the Riverfront. Heather Motzko questioned grant options, reminding Members of a previous discussion regarding grant money for a canoe launch area along the Riverfront. Kern suggested Members talk to local groups and organizations for available park fund donations.

Motzko suggested diversifying the higher cost projects over five years, creating a “phase” base development per project; thus generating a steady “work in progress” to parks within the community. The first phase could be grading, seeding and creating a playground pads. Members agreed creating additional field space is a high priority due to the increase in participation levels of youth sports such as baseball, soccer, football and lacrosse.

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G. Review outstanding items from past agendas.

Members discussed repairs to the baseball fields pitching mounds, batting on-deck areas, banners for advertisement along outfield fencing and future scoreboard location and possible installation date.

4. Adjournment

Tentative date for the next meeting is Wednesday, September 30, 2009.

There being no further business to discuss the Park & Recreation Meeting of Wednesday, August 19, 2009 was adjourned at 8:30 PM.