

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Schleper called the Park and Recreation Committee meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 5:11 PM.

2. ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Members Absent: Jean Kopp, Secretary

Also Present: Betsy Stolfa, Council Member Liaison
Phil Kern, City Administrator
Ernie Eden, Public Works Director
Wendy Biel, Recorder

3. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Tuesday, March 19, 2009 meeting.

Motion by Mary Ditty, seconded by Heather Motzko to approve the minutes of the Park & Recreation Committee meeting of Tuesday, March 19, 2009 as submitted. Motion Carried.

4. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Approve submitted Adopt-A-Park applications.

Phil Kern reviewed the applications submitted by individuals and various groups within the community. Staff was very pleased with the responses and feedback, recommending that the Committee approve all applications. Each assigned group will be meeting with Ernie Eden, Public Works Director, monthly discussing their specific needs, plans and updates for their assigned park. Each group will have a sign prominently placed in the park they maintain as a gesture of pride and appreciation; Heather Motzko suggested working with each group to clarify what name would be best suited to describe their group.

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Joe Schleper suggested publishing in the Delano Herald Journal each group's name and corresponding park for residents to be aware of their involvement, thank the applicant and also encourage additional applicants for available parks and trails.

Heather Motzko questioned what the specific duties each group would be responsible for. Eden suggested working with the applicant's on an individual basis since each park may have specific requirements and these may vary throughout the four seasons.

Motion by Heather Motzko, seconded by Mary Ditty to approve submitted Adopt-A-Park applications and signage design suggested by Staff. Motion carried.

B. Discuss Rocks and Ropes LSI park proposal.

Phil Kern described a new prototype by Landscape Structures (LSI) based on the "rock" theme similar to that at the Big Rock Park. LSI and Staff suggest the Westridge Hills 3rd / 4th Addition Park location for installation. The City would contribute \$7,500.00 for the materials used for production, assist in installation, and the cost for surfacing and curbing; LSI is proposing to cover the rest of the material costs (a contribution of over \$50,000.00), production and lead the installation process.

Betsy Stolfa questioned the age market for this park proposal; possibly adding pieces for the younger age kids. Heather Motzko agreed, informing members that some of the rock structures are approximately 8' feet in height and designed for older children.

Joe Schleper thought this was great opportunity for the community and welcomed the contribution for the park from LSI. Mike Lindquist requested expanding the grading for future playground equipment and / or seating options.

If approved by members and Council, Phil Kern anticipated construction to begin in May and completion of project by June.

Motion by Mike Lindquist, seconded by Chris Hart to approve proposal by Landscape Structures for a Rocks and Ropes Park located at the Westridge Hills 3rd/4th Addition Park. Motion carried.

C. Batting Cage Proposal at Central Park main baseball field.

Joe Schleper gave a preliminary proposal for a batting cage constructed outside of the 3rd baseline of the Central Park Ball field. Staff is requesting a written proposal and

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drawings submitted to Ernie Eden and Scott Dornfeld, Building Official. More discussion will follow with Committee Members once the proposal has been submitted.

D. Initial planning for use of recycled playground equipment.

No motion made; further discussion at future meeting (May 2009).

E. Finalize date for Students Serving Parks.

Joe Schleper confirmed May 29, 2009 as the date for Students Serving Parks. Schleper will follow up with Ernie Eden with the total number of students participating, specific park needs, students time they have available and needed number for supervision. Mary Ditty volunteered to assist with supervision.

G. Update on www.delanorecreation.com

No motion made; further discussion at future meeting (May 2009).

H. Update on Dog Park.

Phil Kern reminded Committee Members that the Council will be discussing this issue further at their Special Workshop.

I. Update regarding the Dream Team plans and park benefits.

The Dream Team will be scheduling a community visioning session for late May which will be a brainstorming session for all area residents to provide their ideas. Then the ideas will be narrowed down into a project list later in the summer. Commission Member Joe Schleper and Council Member Betsy Stolfa are each involved in the Dream Team group advocating for parks projects.

J. Possible relocation of storage building from school property to Central Park.

Joe Schleper described the storage buildings available from the property purchased for future school growth along County Road 30. Mike Lindquist inquired about the relocation costs and set-up costs if buildings were moved to Central Park. Schleper also questioned the completed time line for moving these buildings, excavation of pad

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and the re-location buildings. Staff will create a time line and a full project estimate for Committee Members to be discussed further.

Mike Lindquist added that the City Banner project is complete and available for display. Ernie Eden agreed to pick up the banners and temporarily store them at the Public Works building. Public Works will also work with Delano Municipal Utilities for hanging these banners.

Jack Lynch, All Seasons Sports, requested information detailing the process for re-naming a City baseball fields. Mr. Lynch is inquiring due to interest submitted by the Delano Athletic Club.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the Park & Recreation Meeting of Wednesday, April 15, 2009 was adjourned at 6:40 PM.