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PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
February 24, 2010
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Mary Ditty called the Park and Recreation Committee meeting Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call & Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Joe Schleper (arrived at 6:30 pm)
Mary Ditty
Mike Lindquist
Jean Kopp
Chris Hart
Heather Motzko
Dan Menk

Also Present: Betsy Stolfa, Council Member
Luke Fischer, Asst. to City Administrator
Ernie Eden, Public Works Director
Wendy Biel, Recorder

3. Minutes

A. Minutes from January 27, 2010.

No motion or discussion was made.

4. Order of Business

A. Discuss the Adopt-A-Park/Trail program; reauthorize assignments for 2010 and solicit additional volunteers.

Luke Fischer recapped the Adopt-A-Park/Trail program and gave a quick summary of current applicants and their park/trail choice. Staff has contacted the 2009 volunteers and invited them to readopt for 2010. Council invited the Park Board to a reception on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 for recognition of the volunteer's efforts to help beautify our city's parks and trails

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Motion by Mike Lindquist, second by Mary Ditty to approve the Staff's proposal to reauthorize the Adopt-A-Park/Trail program and continue to encourage additional support from volunteers within the community.

- B. Review available parks and trails for volunteers (i.e. - Dan Menk's email).**

To be discussed in the future; no motion or discussion was made.

- C. Discuss Fun in the Sun program.**

Staff notified members that last year's FITS Coordinator would not be returning for this summer's program. Staff is recommending following standard procedure and posting this position on the City's website, facebook page and twitter.

- D. Update on Barb King Inspiration Park.**

Luke Fischer presented two diagrams for the Barb King Inspiration Park; one drawing of the Site Diagram and one drawing of Phase 1. The plan is for the City to begin the grading and pad work this spring so that Landscape Structures can begin their playground installation by July.

- E. Review grading plan for Highway 12 Riverfront.**

Fischer outlined the grading and tree removal plan for the Highway 12 Riverfront as presented on the general site plan. He explained that all trees that could be replanted else where in the City, had been transferred during the Highway 12 Construction Project; the remaining trees sited for removal are either dead or considered clustered. Members suggested chipping the removed trees for future use either in playgrounds or along trails.

Members discussed different possibilities for bank stabilization along the Crow River and placement of the trail along the levy. Fischer explained the utilization of the dirt pile accumulated during the Highway 12 Construction project for grading, increasing the levy height and plans for a future gazebo platform. He projected the grading to begin mid spring between April and May 2010.

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Motion by Jean Kopp, second by Chris Hart to approve Staff's recommendation and present to Council the proposal of Highway 12 Riverfront grading and tree removal. Members requested that the removed trees be chipped by the City and reclaim the chips for future park and trail use.

F. Consider recommendation to City Council regarding moving the Bandshell to backstop of Dave Zitzloff Field.

Fischer presented "photo shop" placement of the bandshell at the Dave Zitzloff Field backstop. The 4th of July Committee had originally proposed the bandshell be removed from its current location. Park Board discussed the potential costs of relocating the bandshell: separating it from its current pad, relocation costs, prep work to future pad location and potential repair costs accrued during move. Members also discussed the need for inspection to assure the structure is up to code. Staff will contact Scott Dornfeld, Building Official, for any code requirements.

Motion by Mike Lindquist, second by Mary Ditty to recommend Staff to prepare a proposal for moving the bandshell to backstop of Dave Zitzloff field.

G. Discuss "low-to-no" budget goals for 2010.

Joe Schleper suggested members consider future projects for 2010. He offered talking with local organizations for volunteer labor and/or supplies. Mary Ditty suggested contacting the Watertown Ecology Club for suggestions with bank stabilization and river clean-up projects. Jean Kopp mentioned looking into the Legacy Grant option for potential projects. Dan Menk continued with the option of encouraging neighborhood involvement with the Adopt-A-Park/Trail program, working within their developments.

H. Review outstanding issues from previous meetings.

No motion or discussion was made.

5. Adjournment

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 6:00 pm.