

**MINUTES**  
**PARK and RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, February 23, 2011**  
**6:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Joe Schleper called the Park and Recreation Committee meeting Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

**2. Roll Call & Approval of Agenda**

**Members Present:** Joe Schleper  
Mary Ditty  
Mike Lindquist  
Heather Motzko  
Chris Hart  
Dan Menk

**Members Absent:** Jean Kopp

**Also Present:** Phil Kern, City Administrator  
Ernie Eden, Public Works  
Dan Vick, Council Liason  
Wendy Biel, Recorder

No discussion or motion was made.

**3. Election of Officers**

- a. Chair – Joe Schleper**
- b. Vice Chair – Heather Motzko**

Motion by Chris Hart, second by Mary Ditty to elect Joe Schleper for Park & Recreation Committee Chair. Motion carried. Motion by Mike Lindquist, second by Mary Ditty to elect Heather Motzko for Park & Recreation Committee Vice Chair. Motion Carried.

**4. Minutes**

- a. Minutes from January 26, 2011.**

Motion by Mike Lindquist, second by Mary Ditty to approve the minutes from January 26, 2011,

**5. Order of Business**

- a. Update on art project and launch area; previous Council discussion (Feb. 15, 2011 meeting)**

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Phil Kern updated the Committee that Council had approved the project on February 15, 2011. Debbie DeBeer is currently working on the Grant Application to help fund this project. Committee Members requested to meet with Ms. DeBeer as the project progressed; they would like the ability to continue discussion on the design, its future location and the type of project(s) which would be placed along the Riverwalk Trail.

**b. Adopt-A Park/Trail 2010 recognition during March 1, 2011 meeting; volunteers re-applying for 2011 season.**

Wendy Biel explained that the recognition certificates will be awarded to the volunteer groups at the Council meeting on March 1, 2011; all 2010 volunteer groups had been contacted and agreed to continue their assistance for the 2011 season.

**c. Discuss 2010 Committee stipend.**

Members agreed to forward their 2010 stipends to the Riverwalk Trail. Funds will be used towards bench seating and wood chipping the trail. This spring, Committee Members will meet with Ernie Eden to re-stake the projected trail.

**d. Update on Live Wright Grant.**

Phil Kern spoke of the survey that is available on the City's website; Staff will continue to notify residents through the City's Facebook, Twitter and local newspaper. Alan Brixius, City Planner, is spear-heading this grant project and will be setting up one-on-one meetings with local sports associations and the High School's Athletic Director for their specified sport's - needs, expectations, concerns and future goals. A public informational meeting will also be held mid-April.

**e. Update on park contract mowing.**

Phil Kern notified Committee that a proposal for a twenty-four week lawn mowing agreement of four specific neighborhood parks within the City of Delano will be presented to Council Tuesday, March 1, 2011. The proposed parks will be: Three Ditch aka County Line Park, Woods Creek Park, Parkview Hills Park and Savanna Trail Park. The awarded contractor/sponsor would then be recognized in the City newspaper at the City's expense; the contractor would also be allowed one-eight (8) sq. ft. at Contractor's and/or sponsor's expense to be displayed at their awarded park.

**f. Update on 2013 baseball park improvement plan.**

Council approved the 2013 Park Improvement Plan submitted earlier this month. Phil Kern noted the guaranteed commitments totaling \$18,000 per year for 10 years towards this 2013 Baseball Park Improvement plan. Members agreed that the overall focus of these improvements should also aide in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Relay for Life annual event and other's throughout the year. Members

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also noted that the opportunity to host the 2013 Baseball Tournament is a great compliment to the Baseball/Softball Association, Boosters Club and City as a whole.

**g. Discuss potential Private Park and Rec. project.**

A private developer has approached Staff regarding a potential sports facility within the City of Delano. This concept is derived from a similar facility located in Vadnais Heights, MN; the developer is truly in the initial/discussion phase at this time. He will be contacting all local sports associations to discuss the benefits and use of this facility; then branching out to the surrounding communities with the same informative and question/answer meeting structure. Staff will update the Committee as this potential project develops.

**6. Adjournment**

No discussion or motion was made.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 6:00 pm.