

MINUTES
PARK and RECREATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 21, 2012
5:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call & Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Joe Schleper
Dan Menk
Mary Ditty
Mike Lindquist
Tom Schaffer

Members Absent: Heather Motzko
Rob Bluemke

Also Present: Dan Vick, Council Liaison
Phil Kern, City Administrative
Wendy Biel, Recorder

3. Minutes

No discussion or motion was made.

4. Order of Business

a) Review FITS program for 2012

Members approved 2012 dates June 11 – 28, July 9 – 26; Staff will continue to advertise through social Medias, website and word of mouth. The City will need to hire a Coordinator and two Assistants for this 2012 program.

b) Discuss Riverwalk Park layout for the future

Discussion began regarding the parking lot material; Tom Schaffer suggested working with Class 5 prior to investing a permanent parking lot. Dan Menk encouraged other art projects to be submitted, since the time from design to fruition can take up to one year. Members agreed that an annual art project would continually draw attention to Riverwalk Park and the trail along Crow River.

c) Grand opening timeline for Riverwalk Park and Watertower Park

Riverwalk Park Grand Opening ceremony is scheduled for May 23rd at 4:00 pm and Watertower Park is tentatively scheduled for June 27th at 4:00 pm.

d) Discuss City Park field game usage and practice protocol

Staff is meeting this week with community groups to initiate a practice protocol policy.

e) Discuss Central Park restrooms

Tom Schaffer initiated conversation with an alternative concept for the Central Park restroom layout. Members encouraged Schaffer to follow-through and create an official proposal.

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f) Update on art sculpture placement / timeline

No motion or discussion was made.

g) Update on stipend picnic table purchase

Ernie Eden placed the order for 2 picnic tables with Landscape Structures Inc. today.

h) Students Serving Parks day timeline / instruction

Mike Lindquist will coordinate with Ernie Eden for date, time and park plan.

i) Adopt A Park 2011 Review and expectations for 2012

Staff will contact 2011 Volunteers for continuous help through 2012; also adding Water Tower Park.

j) Discuss City Park marketing ideas

Mary Ditty suggested putting the Park Brochure in the DMU billing for a greater community update. Dan Menk suggested working with the City newspaper and highlighting a park per week through the summer months. Members discussed changing some of the fees and deposits for City facility rentals; creating not only interest within the community but also making them more affordable for a variety of events.

k) Discuss outstanding issues

No motion or discussion was made.

5. Adjournment

No motion or discussion was made.