

**City of Delano
Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes from Wednesday, January 31, 2007**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Roll Call:

Mary Ditty, Vice Chairperson
Chris Hart
Phil Kern, City Administrator
Mike Lindquist
Heather Motzko, Secretary
Joe Schleper, Chairperson
Lori Shoultz, Secretary
Marc Plese, Council Liaison

Approval of Agenda

Without objection the Committee approved the agenda.

Appoint Officers for Commission

The following appointments were made: Joe Schleper, Chairperson. Mary Ditty, Vice Chairperson. Heather Motzko/Lori Shoultz, Secretary.

Review Minutes of November 29, 2006 Park and Recreation Committee

The Committee reviewed the minutes. Minutes were approved, 5-0.

Order of Business:

A) Update on summer recreation funding policies.

Phil Kern reported that the City has distributed 4 applications. Application deadline has been extended to February 22, 2007. Mary asked if the information was available on-line. Mary checked the City website and was not able to locate any information regarding funding policies or the application.

B) Review concept plans for Splashpad.

Commission discussed the need for further information/clarification in order to make an informed decision. Commission requested pictures of each item within the concept plan or a 3-D concept. Questions included: What is the material at the end of the rock slide? What is the height of the fencing? Impact of mud, etc. on surface area as well as filtration system. After a discussion on expenses and future improvements at Central Park and/or other parks, the Commission unanimously agreed that further discussions regarding park finances and improvements need to occur.

Motion by Mary Ditty, second by Mike Lindquist, asking that the City Council postpone any further discussions regarding a Splashpad until this Commission can make informed

recommendations regarding further Central Park improvements. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mary Ditty, second by Mike Lindquist, respectfully requesting that the City Council Members consider retaining the monies available in the "Liquor fund" to use for future park improvements, which may or may not include a Splashpad. Motion passed 6-0.

C) Review preliminary budget, outline and construction schedule for new baseball field.

Commission reviewed the construction cost estimate provided by Wenck. Cost projections are for the creation of a full sized baseball field located at the north end of the park and do not include any improvements to the softball field located just south of this field. Commission proposed that volunteer/community labor be used as a means to decrease cost. Phil Kern reported that current time-line would require that the City seek bids during the month of April with possible approval of a bid in May of 2007.

The Commission asked Phil to request that bids include fencing for the two fields located at the south end of the park and address the cost differential of different installation times (install all fencing in May or split between May and August).

The Commission also noted that the Softball field just south of the "new" baseball field does need improvements, including grading and fencing.

D) Discuss locations for donated park benches from Delano Healthcare Center.

Will discuss at a future meeting. The Healthcare Center has requested that the benches be located on walking paths. Monies for the benches will be presented to the City Council at their February 20th meeting.

E) Discuss nature trail concept west of Maplewood Estates.

Reviewed concept plan. Further discussion needs to occur during the February meeting.

Motion by Chris Hart, second by Mike Lindquist, requesting that City Staff consider applying for a grant to help fund this project. Motion passed 6-0.

F) Discuss operation of warming house.

Phil Kern reported that initial usage numbers are higher than anticipated. Phil Kern reported that the warming house was not staffed during the first three weeks of operation (as expected) due to weather conditions.

G) Updates and discussion of previous agenda items.

1G) Grant Application for Tiger Trail. Phil Kern reported that the City re-submitted this application in January of 2007. Approval of grants may occur by May or June of 2007.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.