

**City of Delano
Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes from Thursday, July 20, 2006**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm.

Roll Call:

Mary Ditty
Chris Hart
Phil Kern, City Administrator
Joe Schleper, Chair
Lori Shoultz

Approval of Agenda

Without objection the Committee approved the agenda.

Review Minutes of May 31, 2006 Park and Recreation Committee

The Committee reviewed the minutes. Minutes were approved, 4-0.

Order of Business:

A) Central Park Project--Phase 2 Improvements.

Phil Kern provided the land and wetland boundaries survey completed by Wenck. The survey showed Fields #3 and #4 at 275' each. Street parking along the west side of Field #4. Phil Kern reported that the City Engineer believed it would be cost prohibitive to have the Fields graded to the same level. This proposal would require that Field #3 be approximately 2' higher than Field #4. Water and drainage issues would be accommodated in the space between the two fields. If cost effective, Phil reported that the area in between the fields may be able to accommodate a storage garage and drinking fountain.

After reviewing the survey and proposal the Park Board asked Phil to investigate the following:

--Cost of making the fields level with one another.

--Cost of fencing.

Park Board discussed that if feasible the City may want to consider grading the fields at the same level, reduce the fencing to cover the infield only thus allowing the out fields to serve as a large open green area which could be used for soccer and/or football.

--Sprinkler system for both fields including the in fields.

--Seating/Bleachers

--Electrical. Should ground work for electrical be done now? Cost of lighting.

--Due to the need for extensive fencing and netting on Field #4 is it feasible to move this field as far East as possible while retaining its' size? The land gained on the West side of the field could then be used to build a berm. Investigate cost of creating a berm and landscaping for Field #4 (versus fencing and netting).

Discuss at future meetings (regarding Central Park):

- 1) Consider developing a theme for one of the fields within Central Park.
- 2) Further explore "Splash Pad" concept and funding.

B) Review plans for Downtown Riverfront Park.

Phil Kern informed the Park Board of the 3 areas of improvements discussed.

C) Discuss park land acquisition.

The City Council has requested that the Park Board review their long-term budget and develop a proposal that includes funding for a large City park. Phil Kern will revise park budget as discussed (change Riverfront Park budget) and will review with the Park Board at their next meeting.

D) Discuss City code recodification.

Phil Kern asked that each Park Board member review documentation. Will discuss at next meeting.

E) Open Agenda Items.

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.