

MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
Park and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, September 3, 2014
5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Schleper called the regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission of Wednesday, September 3, 2014 to order at 5:05 PM

2. ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Members present: Joe Schleper, Chair
Dan Menk
Holly Schrupp
Merle Wagner
Mike Lindquist
Jason Franzen
Dan Vick, Council liaison
Tom Schaffer

Members absent: None

3. MINUTES

4. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Update on Barb King Inspiration Park and Movement of Equipment

The Commission was updated on the status of ongoing projects at Barb King Inspiration Park. Staff noted that Landscape Structures would like to install a new carousel-type piece of equipment at the park in place of the existing seesaw. The Commission expressed their desire that the old seesaw be put in Stahlke Park to replace the carousel there.

Motion by Lindquist, second by Franzen to remove the carousel at Stahlke Park and install the seesaw from Barb King Park. Motion approved.

B. Discuss Litfin Land

The Commission was updated on the status of the Litfin property and the City's successful purchase of it. Staff stated that in the near future a committee would be created with representatives from the City, Franklin Township, and the County to discuss an overall park master plan.

Schaffer inquired whether or not it would be a possibility to have sporting fields constructed in the new business park. He stated that some business parks in Minnesota have a designated amount of land that needs to be dedicated to green space. Staff noted that that possibility could be explored. Councilmember Vick stated that he would be opposed to fields being built in an

area that was originally meant for businesses unless such a dedication does exist.

C. Discuss Park and Recreation Capital Improvement Plan

The Commission had discussions about restructuring the current Park and Recreation Capital Improvement Plan. Currently, the plan is more of a listing of projects that the Commission would like completed. The Commission expressed their desire that it be rearranged to more accurately reflect their desires in terms of Park and Rec projects. Staff noted that funding for such projects may be limited because of the current negative balances in both the Park Dedication Fund and Central Park Fund, but that the CIP can be created in such a way for the City Council's review. It was decided that staff would work on a draft CIP to be presented next meeting.

D. Discuss ongoing communication strategies

Staff stated that the City is doing another Park and Rec. photo contest this summer and advertising for the parks again.

E. Outstanding items from previous meetings

5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM