

MINTUES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
January 27, 2010
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Joe Schleper called the Park and Recreation Committee meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 6:10 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Betsy Stolfa, Council Member
Phil Kern, City Administrator
Ernie Eden, Public Works Director
Wendy Biel, Recorder

3. Oath of Office

Heather Motzko, Mike Lindquist and Dan Menk official members of the Park & Recreation Committee.

4. Election of Officers

Motion by Chris Hart, second by Mike Lindquist to elect Joe Schleper – President, Mary Ditty - Vice Chair and Jean Kopp – Secretary of the Park & Recreation Committee. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Agenda

6. Order of Business

a. Discuss 2010 Park & Recreation projects

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Joe Schleper introduced the likelihood for further discussion with the City of Independence regarding a city park near the City of Independence City Hall. Schleper stated that Lisa Phillips, representing Independence, had contacted him and would like to meet with the Park & Recreation Committee to discuss the prospect of creating a coalition between the two cities for future park growth.

Ernie Eden updated members on the progress to the installation of the scoreboard at Dave Zitzloff Field. Chris Hart noted a tournament is scheduled June 10 – 12, 2010 and would like to use this tournament as a “completed by” date. Eden stated pending weather and supplies, they will try to meet the tournament schedule deadline; Eden continued by stating he would notify the committee should there be any delays.

b. Discuss Summer Recreation Program (FITS)

Committee members discussed the calendar schedule for FITS this summer. Members were updated of the growing popularity of this program, FITS increased by 12% in 2008 and 25% in 2009. Staff will follow-up with Mitch Rue, FITS 2009 Coordinator, to discuss FITS 2010 schedule, times and park choices.

c. Update on available Adopt A Park / Trail locations

Staff reviewed the current number of eligible parks and trails and the application accessibility for volunteer groups or organizations through the recreation link on the city’s website. Members discussed giving public recognition to the volunteers for their dedication to the city’s parks and trails; further discussion will continue at the meeting in February.

d. Update on Community Garden for 2010 plots

The community response to a Community Garden was so overwhelming and positive that the Garden Club will be offering an opportunity to again participate in 2010. The contact group is the Garden Club and can be found through the Community Link on the City of Delano website; residents can contact Debbie DeBeers at 763-675-6903 or e-mail the Garden Club at garden@delano.mn.us

e. Approve a date for High School to volunteer for Park Day

Members discussed possible options for students to assist the Public Works Department; no date(s) were selected. Joe Schleper will follow-up with the Delano High School regarding number of available students and date(s) convenient to their schedules.

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f. Update on Barb King Park

Phil Kern updated members on the tentative schedule for bids for specified work to go out in March or April, with work potentially starting in May or June. Once the playground equipment design is approved by Landscape Structures, meeting all their safety standards, installation is projected to begin in July 2010.

g. Progress of Delano Recreation Website

Staff guided members through the recreation link on the city website, highlighting the updates and improvements.

7. Adjournment

No motion or discussion was made.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 6:00 pm.