

**AGENDA**  
**PARK and RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 2011**  
**4:30 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Joe Schleper called the Park and Recreation Committee meeting Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 4:30 PM.

**2. Roll Call & Approval of Agenda**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Phil Kern, City Administrator  
Ernie Eden, Public Works  
Wendy Biel, Recorder

No discussion or motion was made.

**3. Order of Business**

**A. Discuss 2012 Budget proposal**

Discussion between Members and Staff covered 7 projects remaining on 2012 Budget Proposal as in 2011; the request was made to add pathway reconstruction as noted in the Parks and Trails Comprehensive Plan. Discussion continued regarding the fishing pier and canoe launch area, as well as neighborhood striping where sidewalks were not constructed (i.e. Woods Creek, Maple Wood Estates, Maple Knoll, etc.).

**B. Update on Parks Publicity Plan / Website updates / etc.**

Joe Schleper requested a combined ribbon cutting ceremony with Riverway Park and Clover Spring Park once both locations were completed (i.e. final landscaping); Ernie Eden will update Schleper as these projects are completed. Mary Ditty offered to work with volunteers for the bench installment(s) both at Riverway and Clover Springs.

Members discussed the importance of community involvement and continued awareness to increase the use of City Parks and Trails.

Website updating is still a work in progress with Intrecom and will be presented once completed. Staff presented a notice regarding the Kiosk signs that could be submitted to Delano Herald Journal for added resident awareness.

### **C. Update on Riverfront Park Benches**

Staff updated on the progress of ordering benches for Riverway Park; Public Works will pick up the 3 benches when available.

### **D. Update on Clover Springs Park**

Ernie Eden presented a proposal of trees being moved from the dike area along the east side of River Road N and placing some near Clover Springs Park. The benches that would be ordered and installed at Clover Springs Park would be similar to those at Riverway Park and at Big Rock Park.

### **E. Discuss relocation of trees along dyke area**

Ernie Eden proposed the placement of trees at Clover Springs Park (adding needed shade to this park area). Members discussed other areas for installation: along the backage road behind Peppermint Twist, school campus area(s), and using some trees as a sound barrier near the new Highway 12 Bridge.

### **F. End of summer update on FITS**

Members discussed the best way to secure registered FITS kids while at high volume parks (i.e. Big Rock Park and Barb King Inspiration Park); suggestions were made using wrist bands and/or mesh vest. More discussion will follow closer to FITS registration 2012.

### **G. Update on Big Rock Park lighting project**

Dan Vick stated that although the lights are not bright, they are visible and no more or no less vandalism has been reported. Members asked if Wright County could patrol the Big Rock Park and Gazebo more through fall, with the start of school and the energy this creates.

### **H. Discuss outstanding issues**

Staff reminded Members of a youth triathlon is being held on September 17, 2011; Dan Menk presented a brochure from Golden Valley Parks Recreation for a comparison to ours; suggestions were made to work with the Community Ed bulletin more to promote Park & Recreation projects/parks/trails - highlighting seasonal sports registrations (i.e. youth football, girls and boys hockey, wrestling, etc).

## **4. Adjournment**

No discussion or motion made.

The next meeting will be: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 5:00 PM.