

MINUTES
PARK and RECREATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 26, 2011
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Joe Schleper called the Park and Recreation Committee meeting Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call & Approval of Agenda

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

Also Present: Phil Kern, City Administrator
Dan Vick, Council Liason
Wendy Biel, Recorder

No discussion or motion was made.

3. Oath of Office

- a) **Joe Schleper**
- b) **Mary Ditty**

No discussion or motion was made.

4. Election of Officers

- a) **Chair**
- b) **Vice Chair**

No discussion or motion was made.

5. Minutes

- a) **Minutes from November 17, 2010.**

No discussion or motion was made.

6. Order of Business

- a) **Chris Brazelton, representing the General Federated Women's Club (GFWC), to discuss opportunities funding future Park and Recreation projects.**

Debbie DeBeer, Delano Area Council for Arts and Culture, first presented a combined art project between the Delano Middle School Arts class and Zoran Mojsilov (creator of the Delano

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Monuments located on Bridge Avenue and Highway 12). Ms. DeBeer requested that the River Walk as the project's location thus creating an entryway or pathway of art for the community to enjoy.

Mike Lindquist reminded the Committee that he, Joe Schleper and Ernie Eden had met late in 2010 and walked out a tentative trail along the west side of Crow River.

Mary Ditty recapped previous Park & Recreation meetings discussing an art filled trail along Crow River and the positive reaction of all members at the time.

Members exchanged opinions as to where the art could be placed along the trail, type of art materials used, liability issues, safety/vandalism concerns and estimated costs.

Ms. DeBeer stated that this opening piece of art is a gift, at no cost, from Zoran and the Delano Middle School Art Students; the focus of this project is a collaborative, mentoring opportunity.

Motion by Mike Lindquist, second by Mary Ditty to recommend the collaborative art project along the River Walk to be presented to Council.

Lindquist also requested the opportunity to meet as a Committee with Zoran towards the completion of the art project to discuss installation location.

Chris Brazelton, General Federated Women's Club of Delano, discussed the prospect of working with the Committee in developing a potential canoe launch or fishing pier along the Crow River. Ms. Brazelton stated that a past joint effort by the GFWC helped fund the Central Park Gazebo. The GWFC is currently focused on raising funds for a new project that will help beautify the park and trail way system as well as bring interest and traffic to the downtown area.

Members agreed to continue this discussion and were encouraged to have two projects along the Crow River that will only continue to enhance the City of Delano.

b) Discuss Baseball Association proposed Central Park improvements.

Phil Kern gave an update regarding the funding needed to update the Central Park in preparation of the 2013 Baseball Tournament. Estimated costs were analyzed; Committee members discussed the importance of a priority project list and timeline. Members would like to continue discussing options with Staff, Baseball/Softball Board Members and Council in order to meet the 2013 Tournament deadline.

c) Discuss Live Wright Grant.

Phil Kern noted that the Live Wright Grant awarded communities grant money to create environments that will encourage healthy behaviors for years to come. Alan Brixius, City Planner, will be meeting with organizational groups and athletic associations searching for their specific requirements to continue a successful, active program within the community.

Committee Members discussed the mapping of all parks and trail ways. The possibility of developing "kiosks" along trail ways noting "you are here" and various routes throughout the city; linking neighborhood parks via current trails on the website, and working with the schools and community education linking their events to the parks and trail maps.

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d) Discuss 2011 Park and Recreation Committee goals and projects.

Committee members opened the discussion to discuss options for cost effectiveness project, green space availability and minimum labor-intense maintenance.

Mike Lindquist introduced a driving range project, possibly utilizing the area behind the dyke along west side of River Road, across from Central Park. Staff encouraged Lindquist to further investigate the development, maintenance and cost of project for future discussion.

Mike Lindquist also introduced a running club project, working with the Live Wright Grant proposal of kiosks with routes throughout the city along the trails. Staff was aware of a contact that has created a running group and will contact them for further information.

Dan Vick questioned the option for the Adopt-A Park/Trail volunteer groups to maintain the mowing and trimming of their park and trail system to minimize City cost. Concerns voiced were that of safety/liability, timeliness, accountability and responsibility. This issue will continue to be discussed at a future date.

7. Adjournment

No discussion or motion was made.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2010 at 6:00 pm.