

MINUTES
PARK and RECREATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 25, 2012
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Joe Schleper called the Park and Recreation Committee meeting Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call & Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Joe Schleper
Mike Lindquist
Heather Motzko
Dan Menk
Rob Bluemke
Tom Schaefer

Members Absent: Mary Ditty

Also Present: Phil Kern, City Administrator
Dan Vick, City Council
Ernie Eden, Public Works Director

No discussion or motion was made.

3. Oath of Office

- a) Dan Menk
- b) Rob Bluemke
- c) Thomas Schaefer

4. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair

Motion by Heather Motzko, seconded by Dan Menk to elect Joe Schleper as Chair, Motion by Mike Lindquist, seconded by Joe Schleper to elect Dan Menk as Vice Chair, motions passed 6:0.

5. Order of Business

a) Discuss 2012 Park & Recreation Committee Goals

A Boards and Commissions Forum is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm to review: (1) Any issues the Commissions see facing the City in the coming year(s), (2) Goals the Commission would like to accomplish in the coming year(s), and (3) What resources the Commissions will need in the coming year(s) to accomplish their goals.

Joe Schleper listed projects that had been scheduled from 2000 – 2011; Schleper requested Staff for an update of these project costs, civic groups involved, date accomplished/work still in progress, donations received, etc. for discussion at a later date.

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b) Review Central Park Master Plan

A publication listing renovations for the Central Park is being created for civic groups to review in hopes of acquiring future donations.

c) Discuss Tree Diversification Program Grant

Mayor Graunke received information from the DNR Forestry division regarding replacement of Ash trees; Central Park and a portion of River Road tree landscaping have been surveyed. Staff is working with the DNR through the grant program to find appropriate replacement(s) which will maintain the “canopy” effect over River Road and throughout Central Park.

d) Grant options for Central Park bathrooms

The Delano Lions received a quote of \$46,000 to replace the Central Park bathrooms; the Delano Lions have submitted a grant proposal to the DNR – Recreational division for financial aid in these costs.

e) Discuss Art Policy

1. Public Art Policy and Procedures

After a thorough discussion, the Park & Recreation Committee took a vote whether to recommend the sculpture proposal on to Council. The vote ended in a tie 3:3; however because it did not pass by majority vote the proposal was rejected. Members suggested that should Council choose to approve the project, the Historian Preservation Committee could work with the artist to ensure Delano-specific “historic” pieces be selected.

Motion by Rob Bluemke, seconded by Tom Schaefer to reject the sculpture proposal submitted due to a tied vote of 3:3. No other motion(s) was made.

2. Representative for meeting Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Dan Menk will be the representative from the Parks & Recreation Committee.

3. Riverway Park Sculpture memo dated January 12, 2012

Members reviewed the memo submitted by Alan Brixius and Dan Sjoldal regarding sculpture locations. Sculpture location # 11 (the trail found on the west side of Crow River under the HWY 12 Bridge) would offer the best location for the current art sculpture proposal. Although members do not recommend approval of this sculpture, should Council approve this sculpture they would then recommend this location for the project.

Motion by Mike Lindquist, seconded by Dan Menk to recommend Site # 11 for the art project, should final approval be granted by Council.

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f) Update on benches (2010 stipend and 2011 stipend); picnic table possibility

Staff will follow up with members for purchase option(s) of additional park benches, picnic table(s), garbage receptacles, etc. with their donated 2011 stipend.

g) Discuss outstanding issues

No discussion or motion was made.

6. Adjournment

No discussion or motion was made