

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carlson opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Terry Carlson, Eugene Earney, Denise McDowall Seyko, Kristi Uphoff and Council Liaison Patricia May. Committee Members absent: Brad Schnitzler and Planning Commission Liaison Scott Martoz. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel and Jennifer Edwards of the West Sherburne Tribune.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Earney motioned to accept the July 10, 2006 minutes as presented. Seconded by Chair Carlson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS PARK AREA ON PUTNAM AVENUE AND HWY 25

Public Works Director Goebel presented a sketch from Steve's Nursery of the proposed landscape area on Putnam Avenue and Hwy 25. The sketch included trees, perennials, paver stone and a bench. The estimated cost for the proposed landscape is \$3,541.00. Discussion followed on the placement of the bench, also of a bench that would wrap around the tree. Placing a sign in the park area was also discussed. Public Works Director Goebel will check to see if any companies might be interested in donating a sign or plaque for this area and will continue to work on the sketch with the Committees suggestions.

3B. DISCUSS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BIDS FOR HUDSON WOODS PARK

Public Works Director Goebel displayed a picture from EFA of the playground equipment that was bid for Hudson Woods Park. Two bids were received for this park; EFA @ \$72,205.00 and Flangen Sales @ \$ 73,994.00. The colors of the playground equipment were approved by the Committee. Discussion followed regarding possible vandalism of the park equipment due to the fact there are not many homes built in the development yet. Committee Member Earney made a motion to recommend to City Council to purchase playground equipment from EFA for Hudson Woods Park due to low bid of \$72,205.00. Seconded by Committee Member Uphoff, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3C. DISCUSS IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR HUDSON WOODS PARK

Public Works Director Goebel received one bid for the irrigation system in Hudson Woods Park in the amount of \$20,500.00. The area includes the open area only. It is designed to extend into the woods if there would be a need in the future. Public Works Director Goebel is waiting on one more bid for the irrigation system. Discussion followed. Committee member Earney made a motion to recommend to City Council to install an irrigation system in Hudson Woods Park at a cost not to exceed \$20,500.00. Seconded by Chair Carlson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3D. DISCUSS SEEDING HUDSON WOODS PARK

Public Works Director Goebel received two bids for seeding Hudson Woods Park. The area bid includes the open area only and includes tilling the soil and spraying the weeds. Low bid received was from Steve's Nursery at \$11,100.00. Chair Carlson made a motion to recommend to City Council seeding Hudson Woods Park at a cost not to exceed \$11,100.00. Seconded by Committee Member Uphoff, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3E. DISCUSS IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR HIGHLINE PARK

Public Works Director Goebel received bids for the irrigation system for Highline Park. The area that was bid includes all open areas and wooded area around the trail and playground equipment. The seeding and landscaping will be done by the Public Works Department. Committee Member Earney made a motion to recommend to City Council to install an irrigation system in Highline Park not to exceed \$49,500.00. Seconded by Denise McDowall Seyko, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Irrigation in Brown's Park was discussed. It was noticed that there are some area's not being irrigated. Public Works Director stated as money is available he will continue to piece the irrigation system.

Public Works Director Goebel stated some parks and trail systems have been vandalized. One trail was recently shut down until clean up was complete with sealer. In some parks there were feces and urinating on some equipment along with needles being placed on slides. There has been some destructive painting and racist remarks. Discussion took place regarding possible lighting and or camera's placed in these areas and parks. Public Works Director Gobel will get prices on lighting and has also been in contact with City Attorney Matt Brokl regarding a possible reward system.

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee he is applying for grants for the Putnam Park area through the gas company and through Bauerly's.

Committee Member Earney inquired if the two dead end trails, one from Eagle Lake Road North and the other from Highline could be connected. Public Works Director will look into this.

Robert Starr from the Big Lake Baseball Association spoke with Public Works Director Goebel and expressed their interest in helping the City financially with more ball fields if the City is working towards that goal.

Discussion took place regarding City owned land on Hwy 25 South. The Parks Advisory Committee has had previous discussions regarding the use of the land as a regional park. The Committee has asked to have this item on the Agenda for next months meeting.

Committee Member Earney asked to have the Sherburne County Park Board as an item on the Agenda for the next meeting too.

5. STAFF UPDATE - None

6. NEW BUSINESS - None

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Denise McDowall Seyko motioned to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Uphoff, unanimous ayes, motion carried.