

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 8, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Katrine Nau opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Katrine Nau, Eugene Earney, Renee Rossman, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz and Council Liaison Dick Backlund. Those Absent: Denise McDowall Seyko. Also Present: City Resident Janae Stern and Public Works Director Michael Goebel.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Earney motioned to accept the February 8, 2010 minutes as presented. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. PARK BOARD MEMBER APPLICATIONS

The Parks Advisory Committee received applications from three city residents for the vacant Park Advisory Board Position. All three applicants, Janae Stern, Joe Telega, and Don Orrock were invited to attend the March 8, 2010 Parks Advisory Committee Meeting. Janae Stern was in attendance at the meeting, Joe Telega sent a letter and Don Orrock did not attend the meeting. The Park Board interviewed Janae Stern after which time the letter from Joe Telega was read. Joe Telega was not in attendance due to the fact he was on a family vacation. The Park Board tabled this item for further discussion later in the meeting.

3B. POLLINATOR DAY EVENT

Committee Member Nau gave an update on the Pollinator Day Event. At this time the Boy Scouts are on board for the bird houses. There were various community businesses that would like a call back after March that Committee Member Nau is in contact with. Information on the Pollinator Day Event was submitted for the Community Education brochure. Public Works Director Goebel made an inquiry with two separate companies in regards to providing portable toilets for the event. At

this point one company may provide the toilets free of charge, if not Public Works Director Goebel will move the toilets that are already in the City to the event. Public Works Director Goebel will have the City's picnic tables moved to the event. Committee Member Nau and Planning Commission Liaison Marotz will continue researching the availability of tents for the event.

3C. OAK SAVANNAH PRAIRIE RESTORATION PROJECT

There are no updates at this time on the Oak Savannah Prairie Restoration Project.

3D. DOG PARK

Discussions took place at previous meetings regarding the possibility of putting a questionnaire in the City's newsletter regarding a dog park. At this time the City's newsletter is possibly full. A wooded area in Hudson Woods Park was also previously discussed for the dog park, presently the Hudson Woods plat is moving forward. Hudson Woods also has available parking, shaded area, woods, no close residents to this park and the possibility of added parking area. For these reasons the Board feels Hudson Woods Park would be a good location for a dog park. Discussion followed. The Board will review the dog park as the concept plan develops for Hudson Woods.

3E. RIVER OAKS PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works Director Goebel met with the owner of Shady River Campground and walked the site. The Parks Committee is researching the feasibility of gaining access to River Oaks Park from this side of the river. The official road runs behind the homes and is privately owned by adjacent landowners. The next step would be to contact the adjacent landowners for permission to use the road to access River Oaks Park. There is also land available adjacent to the park that is pre/sently listed with a realtor. The property is listed at approximately \$400,000.00. Purchasing the property would only be possible through grant money. Discussion followed. Public Works Director Goebel will continue to investigate all possibilities regarding access to the park and the available property that is adjacent to the park.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4A. SET JOINT MEETING ON APRIL 12, 2010 TO DISCUSS ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Planning Commission Liaison Marotz made a motion to set a Joint Meeting to discuss the potential future Athletic Complex on April 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., location to be determined. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

5. STAFF UPDATE – none

6. NEW BUSINESS

Committee Member Earney inquired if Sherburne County was planning on replacing the bridge on County Road 5. It is not known at this time.

Committee Member Earney made a motion to recommend to City Council to look at the feasibility of adding street lighting along the trail on County Road 43 North to Highway 10. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Discussion resumed regarding the three candidates for the vacant Park Board position. Planning Commission Liaison Marotz made a motion to recommend Janae Stern to fill the vacant position on the Parks Advisory Committee. Seconded by Committee Member Nau. The recommendation passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Committee Members Nau, Rossman, Marotz and Backlund voting aye and Committee Member Earney opposed.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Earney motioned to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.