

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 13, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carlson opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Terry Carlson, Vice Chair Kristi Uphoff, Eugene Earney, Denise McDowall Seyko, Brad Schnitzler, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Martoz and Council Liaison Patricia May. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel and Becker - Big Lake Ice Association Representative Dave Kinsler.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member McDowall-Seyko motioned to accept the October 16, 2006 minutes as presented. Seconded by Committee Member Earney, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. ICE ARENA COMMITTEE UP-DATE

Representative Kinsler updated the Parks Advisory Committee on the progress of the Becker – Big Lake Ice Association. They presently have a pull tab booth at Victory Sports Bar which generates approximately \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00 a month with all proceeds designated towards the ice arena. 4 ½ million dollars is the projected amount they need to build the ice arena. The Ice Committee is presently looking into engineering firms to review parcels of land and how to proceed with the building of the arena. They are looking at various potential land possibilities at this time which include a potential new Sherburne County Fairgrounds in Becker and the Dynamics property along Highway 10. They are also meeting with local organizations including both cities, townships, schools and hockey families to find out the needs of all interested parties. Presently the Ice Arena Committee is at ground level.

Public Works Director Goebel updated Representative Kinsler that City Council recently approved a 26.6 acre Athletic Complex to be located on Highway 25 with the potential size of 40 acres scheduled for construction in 2008 depending on financing. The City Council has also expressed an interest in having the ice arena located on the Athletic Complex as well as other athletic organizations. Discussion followed in regards to the advantages for both the City and the Ice Association in sharing the site and the high visibility of the area once the by-pass goes through. Presently site planning is needed for the Big Lake Athletic Complex. Long term planning for this project will be in phases. The Becker – Big Lake Ice

Association is presently looking at a few different sites but Representative Kinsler expressed his interest in the Athletic Complex site on Highway 25 as well and will share the idea with his Committee. A representative(s) from the Becker-Big Lake Ice Association will attend the next Parks Advisory Committee Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> for further discussion.

Public Works Director Goebel updated the Committee on Hudson Woods. The playground equipment is now installed and the irrigation is in. Seeding of the park is still planned for this year.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Member Earney inquired about the sidewalk on Martin Avenue. Public Works Director Goebel stated there will be a sidewalk on Martin Avenue that will extend to Eagle Lake Road.

Park vandalism is minimal now. Some contributing factors could be the cold weather and school is in session.

5. STAFF UPDATE - None

6. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion followed regarding having other athletic organizations attend the next Parks Advisory Committee Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> for their input as far as their needs. Public Works Director Goebel will contact various groups in regards to their attendance at the December meeting.

Public Works Director Goebel updated the Committee on Lakeside Park. The blacktop is down with some of the black dirt down. The gazebo is being built by Springer Builders. Public Works Director Goebel is seeking bids for the skate board park. The entrance to the park will need some work as the turning radius needs to be made bigger and a planter was inadvertently omitted.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member McDowall-Seyko motioned to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Carlson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.