

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 10, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Earney opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Gene Earney, Denise McDowall Seyko, Brad Schnitzler, and Council Liaison Patricia May. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel, Planning Commission Member David Schreiber, City Resident Renee Rossman and City Resident Scott Creighton. Committee Members absent: Vice Chair Kristi Uphoff and Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Schnitzler motioned to accept the February 11, 2008 minutes as presented. Seconded by Committee Member McDowall Seyko, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS 2008 PARK PLAN IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works Director Goebel reviewed the Park Plan Improvements scheduled for 2008 for Norland Park and Lakeridge Park. Presently Norland Park consists of one acre. When development continues in that area Norland Park will consist of four acres. The improvements for Norland Park are on hold until future development begins in that area. Lakeridge Park has a swing set scheduled for 2008 improvements. Public Works Director Goebel will measure Lakeridge Park to see if a swing set will fit in the Park. An estimated cost for the swing set is \$10,000.00.

*(The order of discussion was changed)*

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. PRESENTATION BY DAVID SCHREIBER REGARDING CLEAN UP COMMITTEES

Planning Commission Member David Schreiber presented to the Parks Committee a proposal to Adopt a Waterway or Highway and distributed handouts. This would consist of a two year commitment, cleaning twice a year with other City Committees who would like to participate in this endeavor. Volunteers may choose their own site to clean up. Planning Commission Member Schreiber is interested in installing an Adopt a Highway sign depending on cost and rules and regulations. Discussion followed. Committee Member Schnitzler made a motion that the Parks Advisory Committee will support the Adopt a Highway or Waterway Program. Seconded by Committee Member McDowall Seyko, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

#### 4. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel spoke with Council Member Lori Kampa regarding a Parks Advisory Committee Member sitting in on the Lakes Association Meetings. Council Member Kampa had no objections but would like to be informed what Committee Member would be attending the Lakes Association Meetings. This item will be discussed at the April Parks Committee Meeting when more Committee Members are present.

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that he applied for a SCORE Grant that distributes recycled picnic tables and garbage cans and also applied for a grant in conjunction with the Lakes Association for the Storm Sewer Prevention Program.

There is also a grant for weed control for the lakes that Public Works Director Goebel is working on and is processing a grant just for Lakeside Park.

Chair Earney mentioned a comment was made at a recent meeting that more benches were needed along the lakes. Discussion followed. No other Committee Member has been contacted or heard of a need for more benches. No action taken.

Committee Member McDowall Seyko requested that the portable satellites be brought out in the beginning of the baseball season.

#### 5. STAFF UPDATE - None

#### 6B. DISCUSS ACTIVE LIFESYTTLES GRANT APPLICATION

Sherburne County contacted Public Works Director Goebel regarding partnering with the City of Big Lake and other communities and school districts in the County to apply for an Active Lifestyles Grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. This would be Stage One of the grant and would be offering up to \$75,000.00. Stage One's purpose would be "Preparing and Planning" a program to promote Active Lifestyles. Stage Two and Stage Three may follow, with up to \$125,000.00 for

each stage. There is a separate application process for theses, following Stage One.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member McDowall Seyko motioned to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Seconded by Council Liaison May, unanimous ayes, motion carried.