

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 10, 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 and Council Liaison Patricia May. Committee Members absent: Brad Schnitzler, Kristi Uphoff and Planning Commission Liaison Scott Martoz. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel, City Planner Annie Deckert and Sherburne County Park Board and Sherburne County Forest Department Tim Edgerton.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Earney motioned to accept the June 20, 2006 minutes as presented. Seconded by Council Liaison May, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JUNE 20, 2006 MEETING

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee the City Council approved the recommendations from June 20, 2006 meeting. No discussion.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Member Earney had some feed back in regards to Lakeside Park about installing swings. Public Works Director Goebel will look into it to see if there is enough space.

5. STAFF UPDATE - None

6. NEW BUSINESS

Tim Edgerton from the Sherburne County Forest Department and the Sherburne County Park Board presented an overview of the Sherburne County's trail development plan. Two years prior Sherburne County conducted a public opinion survey. One item residents indicated they wanted were trails. Following that survey the Park Plan was updated with an emphasis on trails. A map was reviewed with the Committee of various corridors.

Presently the County is focusing on one trail system South of Highway 10 with work going on by Snake River Estates and Scenic Hills Developments. The Sherburne County Park Board consists of 16 people. They meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Sherburne County Government Center. The Big Lake Township Representative is Pam Thomas. Further discussion took place how both Boards can work together and the possibilities of connecting trails. Public Works Director inquired if the Sherburne County Park Board is open to having someone from our Park Committee sitting in on their meetings. Tim Edgerton had no objections. The Park Advisory Committee will further discuss having a representative at the Sherburne Park Board meetings when all Board Members are present.

6A. DISCUSS PARK DEVELOPMENT IN AREA BETWEEN PUTNAM AVENUE AND SHOP GAS STATION

Council Liaison Patricia May suggested planting two trees along with a park bench and flower garden in the area between Putnam Avenue and Shop Gas Station. Public Works Director Goebel stated the area will be irrigated. Discussion followed. Public Works Director Goebel will bring back a plan for the area for the Board to review and make changes.

7. ADJOURN -

Committee Member Earney motioned to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Carlson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.