

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 12, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Earney opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Gene Earney, Katrine Nau and Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel. Committee Members Absent: Vice Chair Kristi Uphoff, Brad Schnitzler and Denise McDowall Seyko.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, motioned to accept the December 8, 2008 minutes as presented. Seconded by Committee Member Nau, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A.DISCUSS GREEN WORKS GRANT (KATRINE)

Official letters of rejection or acceptance will be sent out January 15, 2009 for the Green Works Grant along with information for the next Green Works Grant Application. Committee Member Nau stated additional money is expected from Fish and Wildlife sometime this week. Committee Member Nau asked the Committee to identify some main goals for the site to be used when the site plan is designed. Committee Member Nau noted that driving to the site will not be an option thus the main access will be from Highline. Some items noted that would be beneficial to the community is some type of structure, picnic tables, benches, signage, boulders and possible lighting. It was the consensus of the Committee that a rustic looking amphitheater is preferred. Different types of signage were discussed along with placement of the signage. Public Works Director Goebel stated the present signage needs to be replaced along the trail system. It was discussed that the replacement signage could be incorporated into this project thus creating a continued look throughout the site and trail system. Rustic signage was the preferred choice. Committee Member Nau will contact her father with the Committee's ideas giving some direction when he begins designing the site plan. The Committee expressed their openness for Katrine's father to incorporate his ideas into the site plan along with what was discussed for their review.

4. OTHER BUSINESS - None

5. STAFF UPDATE

Public Works Director Goebel received an e-mail from Vice-Chair Kristi Uphoff stating she is resigning from the Parks Advisory Committee due to other commitments. She will be sending a letter of resignation.

The proposed Council Liaison to fill the vacant City Council Seat on the Parks Advisory Committee is Mr. Dick Backlund. The Committee appointments will be approved at the next City Council Meeting.

5A. APPOINT CHAIR POSITION

Every year a Chair person needs to be appointed and approved by the City Council. Committee Member Nau made a motion to recommend Gene Earney to serve as Chair for the Parks Advisory Committee. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

5B. APPOINT VICE CHAIR POSITION

Chair Earney made a motion to appoint Committee Member Nau to Vice Chair. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel is continuing work on the fishing pier by the channel.

Chair Earney updated the Committee on the Township Park. The Township is presently working on a long range park plan which includes upgrading all the playground equipment, one to two ball fields and blacktopping part of the trail system.

Chair Earney stated there is notable snowmobile traffic on the trails. Public Works Director Goebel is aware of the situation and stated about the only thing that can be done is to get the snowmobile license number to report.

7. ADJOURN

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