

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 14, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Denise McDowall Seyko motioned to accept the January 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Renee Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS 2011 PROJECT GOALS

2011 Goals from the January 10, 2011 Meeting were reviewed. Discussion followed regarding prioritizing these goals. Please see below:

- Dog Park – Hudson Woods Park, contingent on Park expansion due to development
- Powell Park Restoration – Spring/Summer
- River Oaks Park Development – Spring (walk) / On-going
- New Park – (nothing)
- More Park Information / Pictures on the City's Website – Spring (done by June)
- McDowall Park (planting of oak/acorn seed) – Fall
- Athletic Complex – Revisit/Late Summer
- Exercise Equipment in Lakeside Park – Summer/Fall
- Graniteman Big Lake Triathlon – Summer
- Funding – On-going

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel stated that Duffy Development is continuing to move forward with their development which could be an additional \$62,000.00 in revenue dedicated to the Parks Fund.

5. STAFF UPDATE – None

6. NEW BUSINESS

Committee Member McDowall Seyko was approached with the idea of having a community garden in the City. Discussion followed on possible locations. Public Works Director Goebel will speak with the County in regards to having the garden by the Park and Ride site.

6A. DISCUSS COUNTY ROAD 5 TRAIL EXTENSION GRANT APPLICATION

Public Works Director Goebel reviewed information provided in the packet regarding the County Road 5 Trail Extension Transportation Enhancement Application. City Engineers, Bolton and Menk, Inc. applied for the funding which would connect the City's existing trail system and Lions Park in Big Lake Township. The City of Big Lake came in second which might indicate we will have a good chance of receiving the grant next year. The Federal funding associated with the project provides up to 80% of the construction costs of the improvements. The estimated 20% of the City's cost of the proposed trail system would be \$135,000.00.

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that Sherburne County will be replacing the County Road 5 bridge over the Elk River during the 2011 construction season. This could possibly affect the Graniteman Big Lake Triathlon. The County Road 5 bridge work is scheduled to be completed the middle of July and the Triathlon is scheduled for August 6th. The Triathlon route could possibly change if the bridge work is not completed by August 6th.

6B. DISCUSS SHIP GRANT (STATEWIDE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM) CITY WAS AWARDED \$3,000.00 GRANT

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that the City was awarded a \$3,000.00 SHIP Grant. The money is designated to update the City's web-site on the Parks. Public Works Director Goebel reviewed documents that he prepared for the web-site which include all City parks, greenways, facilities, maps, pictures (to be added), regulations and additional links. The Committee would like the Lake Association included in the links. This is an on-going project and the Committee was encouraged to call Public Works Director Goebel with any ideas they may have for the future web-site.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Rossman motioned to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member McDowall Seyko, unanimous ayes, motion carried.