

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 8, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Earney motioned to accept the December 11, 2006 minutes as presented. Seconded by Committee Member McDowall Seyko, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. SKATE PARK

Public Works Director distributed a hand-out regarding the skate park. The skate park is almost ready for bids. Public Works Director Goebel added a rolland or something equal in the specs. The frame structure will consist of steel. The surface will be steel with a special coating on it. The sides will be steel painted. Everything will be hot dipped galvanized. The specs will require a minimum warranty of 15 years. The steel seems to hold up the best but might be a little noisy. If noise does become a problem there are things that can be put on to reduce the noise. It will be spec'd to have the capability for noise reduction. The approximate cost of the skate board park is \$100,000.00. The skate board park will not be installed until the cameras and lighting are installed along with signs. The color of the structure will be black with silver trim and grinding surfaces. The spring of 2007 is an approximate completion time. The fence will encompass the parking lot front and 12 feet back on both sides with a height of 6 feet. Discussion followed regarding the fence. The fence will be spec'd as a separate item. It was decided that Public Works Director Goebel will get two bids for the fence, one bid that

encompasses the skate board park and the other bid will encompass the parking lot front and 12 feet back on both sides.

The Putnam Park was discussed. Chair Carlson made a motion to recommend that Putnam Park remain as is and just be kept green until the future development of the area is decided. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Committee Member Uphoff inquired how much land 4 baseball fields would require for the Athletic Complex, which are 4 to 5 acres per field. It was also suggested that committee members look at the City of Becker's baseball fields by their schools to get an idea of grass infields.

#### 4. OTHER BUSINESS

Mitchell Farms Park located on Teal Street is scheduled for 2007 to receive picnic tables and a basketball court. Discussion followed regarding funds available for local parks.

#### 5. STAFF UPDATE – None

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

Committee Member Earney attended the Sherburne County Parks Commission Meeting in January and distributed his notes from the meeting along with a map of Oak Savanna Park and their park dedication fund activity report for 2006. Committee Member Earney briefly reviewed their meeting.

Committee Member Earney inquired if the City Council had any plans in regards to a ribbon cutting at Lakeside Park in regards to their improvements. Planning Commission Liaison Marotz suggested that possibly the Spud Fest Committee could incorporate an activity at Lakeside Park during their festivities. Discussion followed.

#### 7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Earney motioned to adjourn at 6.43 p.m. Seconded by Chair Calson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.