

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 8, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Earney opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Gene Earney, Katrine Nau, Denise McDowall Seyko, Renee Rossmann, Debbie Kelly, Council Liaison Dick Backlund and Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz. Also Present: Architect Kevin Halbach and Public Works Director Michael Goebel.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Nau, motioned to accept the May 11, 2009 minutes as presented. Seconded by Council Liaison Backlund, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. MCDOWALL PARK OAK SAVANNAH RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Committee Member Nau reviewed the McDowall Park Oak Savannah Restoration and Development Project for the new Committee Members. To date the Committee has received approximately \$2,500.00 designated to the McDowall Park Oak Savannah Restoration and Development Project which includes planting of trees and vegetation at the project. Committee Member Nau suggested that the Committee prioritize the various aspects of the project in regards to how the funds should be spent. Architect Kevin Halbach distributed a context map and summary of the project to the Committee Members for their review. Mr. Halbach stated the project is currently in the planning/pre-design phase. Discussion followed. Notable items of discussion included, signage, shelter, educational aspect, access to the site, budget, security, phases and priorities and bird count. It was the consensus of the Committee to visit the site at the next Parks Committee Meeting and to consider locating an area on the site for a meeting place/future shelter site. The Committee will be inviting Gina and Paul from Sherburne County Soil and Water to attend the next Parks Committee Meeting.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that the timbers for the volleyball court in Wright Crossing Park will be installed this week. The volleyball court should be complete in approximately two weeks.

The lakeshore planting is complete on the point and the area on Washington Avenue has begun. The project has been held up due to weather.

There is no update on the fishing pier.

The rip rap project along Mitchell Lake will begin June 22nd.

Public Works Director Goebel also reminded the Committee that the City Council previously approved to have a representative from the Parks Advisory Committee attend the monthly Lake Association Meetings if anyone has an interest. The next meeting will be held on June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Big Lake Public Works Building.

5. STAFF UPDATE

5A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS, NEW PHONE NUMBER LIST

Introductions were made of all Committee Members.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Committee Member Earney inquired on the usage of the park and wooded area in Hudson Woods and if we have picnic tables in the wooded area. Public Works Director Goebel stated the playground equipment is being used in the park and there are no picnic tables in the wooded area. Public Works Director will check costs of picnic tables for that area.

Committee Member Earney stated the playground area at Lions Park in Big Lake Township was vandalized. Public Works Director stated the Reward Signs regarding vandalism are in and will be installed shortly.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Nau motioned to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.