

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 16, 2006**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carlson opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Terry Carlson, Vice Chair Kristi Uphoff, Eugene Earney, Brad Schnitzler, Denise McDowall Seyko and Council Liaison Patricia May. Committee Members absent: Planning Commission Liaison Scott Martoz. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Earney motioned to accept the September 11, 2006 minutes as presented. Seconded by Council Liaison May, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. UPDATE ON HUDSON WOODS AND HIGHLINE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that the irrigation lines are installed in Hudson Woods. There was a delay on the original sprinkler heads so they have been replaced with an equal brand. One half of the sidewalk that was installed in Hudson Woods is defective, it has buckled. It will need to be torn out and replaced. It will depend upon the weather, whether or not the work will be done this year. The black dirt has been hauled in and leveled in Highline Park with the irrigation system being installed soon.

3B. DISCUSS LIGHTING QUOTES FOR PARKS

The memo on lighting quotes for parks was reviewed. The following quotes were received from Connexus Energy. One quote from X-Cel Energy will be coming for Wright Crossing Park.

Bluff Park: one light - \$1,510.00  
Powell Park: one light - \$1,648.50  
Shores of Lake Mitchell Park: two lights - \$4,020.00  
Mitchell Farms Park: one light - \$1,360.00  
Lake Ridge Park: one light - \$1,560.00  
Highline Park: one light - \$2,760.00  
Hudson Woods Park: one light - \$2,248.50  
Wright Crossing Park: quote not available to date

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that we will soon be in the winter installation season. The total price of the park lighting quotes is \$15,107.00. The availability of park funds was also discussed. The Committee will review this item in the spring of 2007.

### 3C. ATHLETIC COMPLEX UP-DATE

Public Works Director informed the Committee that the Park Advisory Committee's recommendation for the athletic complex was approved at the last City Council meeting held on September 11, 2006. The City Council did state they would like to see the hockey arena located at the Athletic Complex. Discussion followed. It was also suggested to see if Big Lake Township has any interest in a joint venture with the City on the Athletic Complex. Public Works Director Goebel will invite the Becker-Big Lake Ice Association to the next Parks Committee Meeting on November 13, 2006.

### 3D. SHERBURNE COUNTY PARK BOARD UP-DATE

Public Works Director Goebel contacted the Sherburne County Park Board to see if we can receive a copy of their minutes and agenda. The Sherburne County Park Board will provide our Committee with this information. It was discussed to have a joint meeting with the Sherburne County Park Board and also about inviting their Board to one of our meetings. Committee Member Uphoff is considering attending a meeting.

## 4. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Member Earney inquired about the progress at Lakeside Park. Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee the first lift of asphalt will be on soon. There were a few issues with launching. Electricity can be run from the brown building to the shelter if needed. The skateboard park will be installed in the spring of 2007 as long as the cameras and lights are in. It was questioned why the two out buildings at Lakeside Park were torn down, the block building was unusable and the tin building was in real bad shape.

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that the permits from MN DOT came last week for the esplanade. The silt fence is up and the plans are to continue with the project this year.

The benches have not been installed in Hidden River yet but are still in the plans.

### 5. STAFF UPDATE - None

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### 6A. COMMITTEE WORKSHOP DECEMBER 6, 2006

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Big Lake Committees Workshop will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at Russell's On The Lake. During this dinner workshop

each Committee will be given an opportunity to provide verbal updates on the past year and plans for the future. Committee Member Schnitzler made a motion to have a special meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at Russell's On The Lake. Seconded by Committee Member Uphoff, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

#### 6B. LANDFILL ABATEMENT LEGACY GRANT

The packet item on the Landfill and Abatement Legacy Grant was reviewed. The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners has approved the "Landfill Abatement Legacy Grant" program that encourages the use of "green" materials (construction materials that contain at least 25% recycled content) in the construction of new public building projects. This is a competitive program available only to Sherburne County cities and townships. Upon approval, one township or city project will be awarded per year. Each community shall have only one grant awarded under this program. Based on 2004 population figures, the City of Big Lake would be eligible for an \$830,000.00 grant. Grant applications will be reviewed by the Solid Waste Committee and Building and Purchasing Committee, with final action by the county board. No action taken.

#### 7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Earney, motioned to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Seconded by Chair Carlson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.