

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 9, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member McDowall Seyko, motioned to accept the February 9, 2009 minutes as presented. Seconded by Committee Member Earney, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. COUNCIL APPROVED THE MCDOWALL PARK OAK SAVANNAH RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN/SCHEDULE (FURTHER DISCUSSION)

The Big Lake City Council approved the McDowall Park Oak Savannah Restoration and Development Plan/Schedule at the last City Council Meeting. Committee Member Nau has not received any new information regarding the Green Works Grant for the McDowall Park Oak Savannah Restoration and Development. Architect Kevin Halbach prepared three plans for the project which he will present at an upcoming Parks Advisory Committee Meeting. The Soil and Water Conservation District wrote a grant, if awarded they hope to designate some funds for this project.

3B. DISCUSS VOLLEYBALL COURT IN WRIGHTS CROSSING PARK

Public Works Director Goebel presented two estimates for a volleyball court in Wrights Crossing Park. There was a prior request from a City resident for a volleyball court in Wrights Crossing Park. The item was tabled at that time due to lack of Committee Members present. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Committee to have Public Works Director Goebel get bids for the installation of a volleyball court in Wrights Crossing Park.

#### 4. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel closed the skating rinks and warming house for the season.

Public Works Director Goebel is continuing work on the design of the new fishing pier.

#### 5. STAFF UPDATE

##### 5A. ADVERTISEMENT FOR TWO PARK BOARD MEMBERS WAS PLACED IN THE WEST SHERBURNE TRIBUNE

An ad was placed in the West Sherburne Tribune for two Park Board Members. The application deadline is March 27, 2009. The notice was also placed on the Big Lake cable channel. At this time no applications have been received.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

An update of the designated fund balance for the Park Improvement Fund was included in the Parks Committee Packet. The balance for the regional parks is \$22,970.44 and the balance for the local parks is \$87,981.52.

Chair Earney updated the Committee on the progress of Lions Park in Big Lake Township. Approval was given for new playground equipment and blacktopping of the trails on high ground. Plans also include two bridges and an additional ball field.

#### 7. ADJOURN

Chair Earney motioned to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member McDowall Seyko, unanimous ayes, motion carried.