

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 9, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Earney motioned to accept the June 5, 2007 minutes as presented. Seconded by Committee Member Carlson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. PICNIC TABLE PRICES – MITCHELL FARMS PARK

Public Works Director Goebel received bids on frames for picnic tables of \$189.00 and \$213.00 per frame. The planking for the picnic tables is purchased through Big Lake Lumber. The total price for three picnic tables is \$ 728.46. Discussion followed on various parks where the tables are needed. One picnic table is needed in Mitchell Farms Park, one table in Hudson Woods Park and one table is needed to replace a broken table in Lakeside Park. Committee Member Earney made a motion to purchase the three picnic tables for these parks. Seconded by Committee Member Carlson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that the recommendation from the June 5, 2007 meeting to extend the irrigation system in Lakeside Park was approved by the City Council. Public Works Director Goebel also obtained a better price of \$12,500.00 for the irrigation system.

The Committee also reviewed a letter from Sherburne County Administrator, Brian Bensen regarding bonding authority for the ice arena. To date, Public Works Director Goebel has not heard back from the Becker - Big Lake Hockey Association.

The land agreement between Monticello and Big Lake has been settled so the Committee

may proceed with the plans for the Athletic Complex. Discussion followed in regards to renaming the Athletic Complex. No decision was made. Committee Member McDowall Seyko made a motion to recommend to City Council to give staff permission to pursue additional land, when added to our existing land of 26.6 acres would total a 40 acre Athletic Complex. Seconded by Committee Member Schnitzler, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Committee Member McDowall Seyko discussed concerns with bad language, smoking and kids bringing their bikes into the Skateboard Park. Discussion followed on various ideas of monitoring or patrolling the Skateboard Park. The consensus of the Committee was to continue monitoring the situation to see where it goes from here. It was noted by Public Works Director Goebel that the kids have ceased skating in the parking lot.

5. STAFF UPDATE - None

6. NEW BUSINESS - None

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Uphoff motioned to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Carlson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.