

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 13, 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 and Renee Rossman. Those Absent: Committee Member Debbie Kelly, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Martoz and Council Liaison Dick Backlund. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member McDowall Seyko motioned to accept the September 14, 2009 minutes as presented. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. BIG LAKE LIONS SIGN DONATION

Chair Earney informed the Committee that the Big Lake Lions approved a donation to the Parks Advisory Committee for signs in McDowall Park.

3B. MCDOWALL PARK DISCUSSION

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that it is too late in the year to do any type of seeding for wild flowers in McDowall Park; however Gina from Sherburne County Soil and Water District is interested in planting a few plots of acorns yet this year. The Committee is open to suggestions from Gina on where to plant the acorn plots. Public Works Director Goebel will check with Gina to see if she needs assistance in planting. The grant that Public Works Director Goebel was working on for the McDowall Park Project has been denied due to the fact we were too far along in our project. An additional \$4,000.00 was received from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. Discussion took place regarding a future planning day for McDowall Park and where to advertise for volunteers.

#### 4. OTHER BUSINESS

##### 4A. NOVEMBER 9, 2009 MEETING DATE

Discussion took place in regards to who will be in attendance at the November 9, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Committee Member Nau to change the November 9, 2009 Parks Advisory Committee Meeting to November 16, 2009. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

#### 5. STAFF UPDATE

##### 5A. 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WORKSHOP

Committee Member McDowall Seyko made a motion to call for a Special Meeting on December 1, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Big Lake City Council Chambers for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Big Lake Committees Workshop. Seconded by Committee Member Nau, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

##### 6A. DISCUSS LEGACY GRANT

Public Works Director Goebel applied for the Legacy Grant from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. If the Grant would be awarded to the City proceeds would be designated towards the future Athletic Complex/Regional Park. The 79 acre parcel located along Highway 25 that City Staff was investigating the feasibility of purchasing for an Athletic Complex/Regional Park, sold. Public Works Director Goebel, Committee Members Earney and Nau has since met with Mr. Jim Sanford regarding some property he owns with some natural features (river) to see if he is interested in selling. Mr. Sanford will contact Public Works Director Goebel in the future with a dollar amount. One requirement of the Legacy Grant is that you need a minimum of 100 acre parcel. Discussion took place regarding other various parcels of land in the City for the future site of the Athletic Complex.

##### 6B. LETTER REQUESTING DOG PARK

Public Works Director Goebel received a letter from City Resident Kristen Lade requesting the City consider adding a dog park in the City. Discussion followed. Public Works Director Goebel will check with the City of Elk River for their insight on their dog park.

Committee Member Nau made a request that the future Parks Committee Meeting Minutes and Agendas be e-mailed instead of paper copies.

Public Works Director Goebel inquired if future meetings of the Parks Advisory Committee could meet at the Big Lake Public Works Department. The consensus of the Committee agreed.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Nau motioned to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member McDowall Seyko, unanimous ayes, motion carried.