

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 12, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Rossman motioned to accept the March 8, 2010 minutes as presented. Seconded by Committee Member Stern, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. POLLINATOR DAY

Chair Katrine Nau distributed a handout regarding Pollinator Day on June 19, 2010. The list of donations include coupons from restaurants, four tents for the day, ice cream and toppings, bowls and spoons, gift card and possible food and monetary donations.

There are a total of nine stations planned, which include learning stations, activity stations and snack stations. Sherburne County History Center volunteered to staff a station and provide background and history of the Big Lake area and how it has changed. The Audobon Society will staff a station and present information on how planting native plants promote an environment for birds who are pollinators.

Some areas that require assistance are signage, parking and continued contact with local businesses for donations.

Information on Pollinator Day will be included in the City's Newsletter which will be mailed out shortly. The West Sherburne Tribune will write an article on Pollinator Day prior to the event. Information on Pollinator Day has already been posted in the Community Education Brochure and the Soil and Water Volunteer Magazine. Information will also be posted on both the City's cable channel and Connections cable channel.

Public Works Director Goebel discussed sending a letter to residents living adjacent to the park of the upcoming event, the times of the event and what to expect in regards to inconvenience.

Chair Nau will inquire with Big Lake Township about posting the event on their website and if they have a newsletter.

Volunteers are needed for Stations 1, 3, 5 and 6 which are planting, bee hotels, making birdhouses and pollinator sundaes and for setting up and tearing down. Volunteers will also be needed to direct traffic. Discussion followed.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4A. COUNCIL APPOINTED JANA E STERN

The Big Lake City Council appointed Janae Stern to fill the vacant seat on the Park Advisory Committee at their March 24, 2010 City Council Meeting.

5. STAFF UPDATE – none

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. HIGHWAY 25 / HIGHWAY 10 CONSTRUCTION

Public Works Director Goebel reviewed a preliminary map of the reconstruction of Highway 10 & 25 which identifies a portion of Browns Park that will be forfeited when reconstruction takes place. The gazebo will be moved further back into Browns Park along with planters. Discussion followed regarding other changes to the intersection.

Committee Member Rossman made a motion to call a Special Meeting for Monday, May 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Big Lake Public Works Department to discuss the Pollinator Day Event. Seconded by Committee Member Stern, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Committee Member McDowall Seyko stated that there is no street light on the walking path next to her home at 147 Hiawatha Avenue and she is concerned about the safety issue in regards to children. Public Works Director Goebel will research the issue and bring prices back to the Committee.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member McDowall Seyko motioned to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.