

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 14, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Rossman motioned to accept the November 16, 2009 minutes as presented. Seconded by Committee Member Nau, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

*(order of discussion was changed)*

6A. APPOINT CHAIR

Chair Earney made a motion to recommend to City Council to appoint Committee Member Nau to Chair. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

6B. APPOINT VICE CHAIR

Committee Member Nau made a motion to nominate Chair Earney to Vice Chair. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS FISHING PIER GRANT

Public Works Director Goebel updated the Committee regarding the Fishing Pier Grant Program. To date the grant program no longer exists through the DNR. The fishing pier is at a stand still until more funds become available.

### 3B. DISCUSS GRANT PROGRAMS

Public Works Director Goebel has been researching grants for the proposed future Athletic Complex; currently all grant programs available are grants that require matching funds. Public Works Director Goebel will discuss the matching fund grants with City Council during a workshop to see if the City would like to make any type of commitment to match funds. Discussion followed regarding other potential grants.

### 3C. DISCUSS POLLINATOR EVENT

Committee Member Nau met with Gina Hugo from Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District to discuss the Pollinator Event which will be held in June 2010. Committee Member McDowall Seyko's father offered a mowed field/lot close to McDowall Park for parking during the Pollinator Event. The event will be advertised in the Community Education brochures and in the community news section of the paper. Charlie McGuire is a local musician that sings folk music and will perform at the event. Soliciting donations from local businesses and organizations was discussed.

## 4. OTHER BUSINESS

### 4A. SNOWMOBILE RACE – JANUARY 23-24, 2010

The snowmobile race was approved by Council to take place on January 23 & 24, 2010.

### 4B. FISHING CONTEST – FEBRUARY 27, 2010 FROM 12:00P.M.-3:00P.M.

The JC Fishing Contest was approved by Council to take place February 27, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## 5. STAFF UPDATE

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel discussed an FYI item that was included in the December packet. A Steering Committee has been formed to discuss how to go forward with presenting the needs of Greater Minnesota for regional parks and trails to the Legislature. All Greater Minnesota cities and counties are being asked if they want to join in the effort to create this organization, Greater Minnesota Regional Parks & Trails Association. Discussion followed.

Discussion took place regarding a dog park and possible locations. Public Works Director Goebel will bring back information at the next meeting for further discussion.

Bolton & Menk will present a cost analysis to City Council in regards to connecting City sidewalk from Northstar Commuter Rail to Lakeside Park.

7. ADJOURN

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