

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 13, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carlson opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Terry Carlson, Eugene Earney, Brad Schnitzler, Kristi Uphoff and Council Liaison Patricia May. Committee Members absent: Denise McDowall Seyko and Planning Commission Liaison Scott Martoz. Also Present: Jim Brown of Dynamics Design and Land Company and Public Works Director Michael Goebel.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Schnitzler motioned to accept the February 13, 2006 minutes as presented. Seconded by Committee Member Earney, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FEBRUARY 13, 2006 MEETING

Public Works Director Goebel informed that Committee that additional lighting will be able to be run off the light placed in Highline Park if the need would arise in the future.

3B. JIM BROWN FROM DYNAMICS DESIGN AND LAND WILL DISCUSS BASEBALL COMPLEX

Dynamics Design and Land is developing land that is east of town. Jim Brown presented a sketch for an idea on a parcel of land (roughly 15 acres) that is adjacent to commercial land, in that they would do a Planned Unit Development that would incorporate recreational use of the land as well. The Committee reviewed the plans. Of the fifteen acres, some would be left as open space for trails and or tennis courts. Jim indicated on the plans where the proposed ball park would be. Past the ball park there would be approximately 3 to 4 acres that would be dedicated as park land. Discussion followed regarding parking needs, lights, a building, concession stand and ownership and management of the ball park.

Jim Brown recapped the proposed plans for the entire Market Place area for the Committee.

Discussion continued. The Committee will discuss this topic at the next meeting due to the fact there were two Board Members missing.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director Michael Goebel shared with the Committee a proposal that the County is looking into with their landfill dues. The proposal is to provide each community a one time grant of \$100.00 per person, per community. The dollars are to be used for such things as a YMCA or Community Centers, etc. Some requirements would include using green material and recycled materials. Other options would be joining Big Lake Township or the County for a larger project. There will be a maximum amount of approximately 2 million dollars. Public Works Director Michael Goebel will keep the Committee informed of the grant program.

Public Works Director Goebel made prior commitments in June when the Committee was still meeting on Thursdays. He still feels the need to have a June meeting and would like the Committee to look at their schedules to see what date might work out. The Committee will discuss the date at the next meeting.

5. STAFF UPDATE

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Earney motioned to adjourn at approximately 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Carlson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.