

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 11, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Katrine Nau opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Committee Members present: Vice Chair Katrine Nau, Chair Eugene Earney, Denise McDowall Seyko, Renee Rossman, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz and Council Liaison Dick Backlund. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. MEMO TO COUNCIL FOR CHAIR RECOMMENDATION OF KATRINE NAU

The recommendation for Katrine Nau to serve as Chair on the Parks Advisory Committee for one year will go to the City Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 for approval.

3B. DISCUSS DOG PARK

Committee Member McDowall Seyko commented that there seems to be a lot of commotion in dog parks that she has been made aware of. She also mentioned that in other communities the Police Department is involved in some capacity with the dog park. It was noted that input from the Police Department would be beneficial. Public Works Director Goebel priced a dog park; the size of 200x400 would cost approximately \$16,000.00 which includes a 4 foot high coated fence. Discussion followed regarding different locations in the City where a dog park could be located and variety of amenities (trees/shade and wetlands) the various locations would have to offer. Parking at the dog park was a topic of concern. The Park Board wants feedback from City residents who are either for or against the dog park, various ways of getting the idea out for input was discussed.

3C. DISCUSS POLLINATOR EVENT

Vice Chair Nau presented the Park Board with updates regarding expenses for the Pollinator Event. Music will cost approximately \$500.00 to \$600.00 and the Master Naturalist is approximately \$100.00 an hour. Connections has not responded regarding grant opportunities. It was noted that the Board should seek City Council's approval to solicit funds.

4. OTHER BUSINESS - None

5. STAFF UPDATE

5A. RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER DEBBIE KELLY

The Board reviewed Committee Member Debbie Kelly's resignation letter. Public Works Director Goebel wrote a memo to the Council requesting their approval to accept the resignation of Committee Member Kelly and to approve advertising to fill the vacant seat on the City's newsletter, web-site and cable channel until filled.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Nau inquired if the fund for the Parks Committee would be able to contribute any money towards the Pollinator Event. Public Works Director Goebel stated the Park Committee's fund would only be able to contribute towards the actual planting. The Board will talk with Gina from Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District to see where she is with grant money for the event first.

Committee Member McDowall Seyko stated she will be gone for the next two meetings due to work. Public Works Director Goebel stated that the audio tape is available to any Committee Member who misses a meeting and would like to hear it in its entirety.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member McDowall Seyko motioned to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.