

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 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, Renee Rossman, Janae Stern, Denise McDowall Seyko, and City Council Liaison Dick Backlund. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel, City Council Member Chuck Heitz and Big Lake Resident Ken Stuhr. Those Absent: Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Earney motioned to accept the June 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

(The order of discussion was changed)

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. COUNCIL MEMBER CHUCK HEITZ AND KEN STUHR – OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

City Council Member Chuck Heitz introduced Big Lake Resident Ken Stuhr to the Parks Advisory Committee. While visiting Chile, Mr. Stuhr used Chile's outdoor adult exercise equipment in one of their parks. Mr. Stuhr then researched the outdoor exercise equipment to present the idea to the Parks Committee for consideration in Lakeside Park. There are a total of 11 different pieces of exercise equipment. The price per piece of equipment is \$538.00 which includes shipping from a manufacturing company out of China. Discussion took place regarding comparing prices with the United States manufacturing locations. Items of discussion included concerns of vandalism, placement of equipment within the park, distance between the equipment and installation of the equipment by the Public Works Department. Public Works Director Goebel will review the information left by Mr. Stuhr and do additional research on this item including equipment that would be a comparable match. Public Works Director Goebel will put his findings together for the Parks Advisory Committee to review at a future meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. LAKESIDE PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Public Works Director Goebel presented a playground design for Lakeside Park to the Parks Committee for their review. A spiral slide was added to design since the last meeting. The estimated price of the playground set is \$46,858.00 uninstalled. Chair Nau received pictures of a playground set at Clearwater Pleasant Regional Park. The Committee reviewed pictures of both designs. Discussion followed. The Committee conveyed their preferences to Public Works Director Goebel. It was the consensus of the Committee for Public Works Director Goebel to request bid proposals for the playground equipment at Lakeside Park.

3B. WEB-SITE

Public Works Director Goebel gave an update on the City's web-site. Public Works Director Goebel is working with an individual on having an updated park map with information of the various parks and their amenities, including pictures and the trail system.

3C. ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Public Works Director Goebel will bring this item to the next City Council Workshop for direction. Discussion followed regarding various land options.

3D. PRAIRIE RESTORATION

Public Works Director Goebel reviewed the status of the Prairie Restoration Project. Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District Representative Gina Hugo suggested that the Prairie Restoration Project is mowed and sprayed one more time. She is looking for any funds that may be available for the work needed. Public Works Director Goebel stated there may be available funds left from the Knife River donation. A timeline of the Prairie Restoration Project was discussed. Chair Nau will e-mail a copy of the Prairie Restoration timeline to the Committee Members. Discussion followed.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Member Janae Stern has a friend who owns a DJ Company and would like to sponsor a Music In The Park Event. Public Works Director Goebel will follow up with the DJ. There are numerous rules to discuss with him prior to the Parks Committee making a decision.

Committee Member Earney inquired on the status of the reader board and how much money has been donated to date.

5. STAFF UPDATE - None

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member McDowall Seyko motioned to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.