

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nau opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Committee Members Present: Katrine Nau, Janae Stern, Denise McDowall Seyko, Renee Rossman, Bev Anderson, David Schreiber, and City Council Liaison Nick Christenson. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel. Those Absent: Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Stern motioned to approve the December 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Anderson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS “WINTER GET OUTDOORS EVENT”

Chair Nau distributed a draft letter for the Committee’s review in regards to donations for the event. The letter will be given to local businesses / organizations for possible donations. A couple of suggestions were made regarding the letter. Several Committee Members volunteered to distribute the letters.

Chair Nau reviewed the organizations / activities that have committed to the event; Big Lake Ambassadors, Big Lake Boy Scouts (campfire), Big Lake Snowcruisers (snowmobiling), Sherburne History Center, Big Lake Legacy Foundation (band), ice fishing, sledding, snowshoeing, broom ball (Chair Nau is still checking on this), snow emergency, and dog sledding.

Public Works Director Goebel stated that the Legacy Foundation will not have a stage. It was agreed upon that the bottom shelter is where they will set up. Tarps will be put around two or three sides of the shelter for them. The band will play for approximately 1 ½ hours.

Discussion followed regarding the location of the fire ring at the event and where additional help is needed.

Chair Nau called a Special Parks Advisory Committee Meeting on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Big Lake Public Works Building.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that the City was awarded the Initiative Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 designated for River Oaks Park.

Committee Member Stern informed the Committee that the Hockey Association is moving forward with their goal to have their rink in Big Lake.

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that the Big Lake Lakes Association changed their monthly meeting date to the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Their meetings may overlap the Park Advisory Committee Meeting but they will be meeting in a different area at the Public Works Building.

5. STAFF UPDATE - None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. LIGHT ON HOCKEY RINK

Chair Nau shared with the Committee that she was approached by an individual inquiring about extra lights for the hockey rinks. Discussion followed. It was noted that where the rinks are located is not –

City property. At this time Public Works Director Goebel is working on different lighting at the rinks.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member McDowall Seyko motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.